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Births.

MADDISON.—April 13, at Petersham, the wife of G. Maddison, of a son (stillborn).

Deaths.

LINANE.—April 16, at his residence, 46 Cromwell-street, Leichhardt, Denis Joseph Linane, in his 81st year. R.I.P. No flowers.

SHAW.—April 16, at her residence, 76 Denman-street, Glebe, the beloved wife of G. H. Shaw, in her 80th year.

WALKER.—April 15, at Whitecross, Springwood, Frederick Bayley Walker, of Whitecross, Yorkshire, England, aged 81.

WALKER.—April 14, at her parents' residence, 38 Hereford-street, Glebe Point, Ethel Mary Ann, dearly beloved daughter of John and Mary Ann Walker (of peritonitis). Aged 17 years and 7 months. At rest.

In Memoriam.

CURREN.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Ellen Curren, who departed this life at her residence, Sutherland-street, Paddington, on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1892. Sacred heart of Jesus have mercy on her soul. Inserted by her loving family, William (son), Bert., Chris., Teresa, and Katie Curren, 86 Sutherland-street, Paddington. R.I.P.

FLAVEN.—In loving remembrance of my dear mother, Catherine Teresa Flaven, who departed this life on 17th April, 1899, at her late residence, No. 18 Myrtle-street, Sydney. Beloved by all who knew her. Inserted by her affectionate daughter, Rosie.

JONES.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Jane Jones, who departed this life April 17, 1897, aged 28. Inserted by her loving brother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross.

JONES.—In loving memory of our dear daughter, Jane Jones, who departed this life April 17, 1897, aged 28 years. Death came as a happy release. Inserted by her loving father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ross.

JONES.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Jane Jones, who departed this life April 17, 1897, aged 28. Dead but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving brothers and sisters, John, Alick, and Josie Ross.

M'CARTNEY.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Isabella M'Cartney, who died April 17, 1899. Inserted by her affectionate husband, A. M'Cartney.

M'CARTNEY.—In loving memory of my dearly beloved mother, Isabella M'Cartney, who died at her residence, Sir George Grey Hotel, Sydney, on April 17, 1899. Inserted by her loving and only son, Robert Cudden.

M'CARTNEY.—In loving memory of our dearly beloved sister and sister-in-law, Isabella M'Cartney, who died at her residence, Sir George Grey Hotel, on April 17, 1899. Inserted by her loving sister and brother-in-law, S. and P. M'Keever, Auckland Hotel, Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

NOSWORTHY.—In loving memory of Sydney Arthur, dearly beloved son of T. and M. Nosworthy, who was accidentally drowned April 17th, 1897.

VOGRS.—In memory of my dear mother, Henrietta Vogrs, who died 17th April, 1896. Inserted by her loving daughter, D. Bredero.

Return Thanks.

Mr. W. H. GREENFIELD and FAMILY (late of Erskineville) desire to return their sincere THANKS to all kind friends for their sympathy, floral tributes, telegrams, cards, letters, &c., in their recent sad bereavement.

Florists.

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P. AND O. COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS, For MARSEILLES and LONDON, Calling at the usual ports en route (with permission to call at Brindisi), will be despatched as follows:—

Steamer.	Tons.	Commander.	Sydney, noon.
*AUSTRALIA	7000	T. Reeves	April 18
ARCADIA	6603	A. C. Loggin	May 5
ROME	5545	T. Leigh	May 19
HIMALAYA	6898	W. L. Broun, R.N.R.	June 2
OCEANA	6603	L. H. Crawford, C.B., R.N.R.	June 16
PENINSULAR	5287	W. A. Wheler	June 30
BRITANNIA	6525	F. H. Seymour	July 14
CHINA	8000	T. S. Angus	July 28

* Proceeding via Hobart.

PASSAGE MONEY TO LONDON—Single, £35 to £70. Ditto Ditto Return, £55 to £110.

Return Tickets (First Saloon) between Intercolonial Ports are available for return by Orient and Messageries Maritimes Steamers having room.

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Steamer.	Co'mander.	Sydney, noon.	M'lbourne, 1 p.m.	A'laide, 1 p.m.
		1900	1900	1900
Australien	Verron	—	April 19	April 21
V. de la Ciotat	Fiaschi	May 14	May 17	May 19
Polynesien	Chevalier	June 11	June 14	June 16
Armand Behic	Le Coispellier	July 9	July 12	July 14

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Steamer.	Tons.	Commander.	Sydney, 11 a.m.	Adelaide, 2 p.m.
GERA	5,005	C. Von Borell	May 5	May 12
KARLSRUHE	5,057	G. Dannemann	June 2	June 9
DARMSTADT	5,012	B. Wilhelmi	June 30	July 7
P. R. LUITPOLD	6,288	H. Walter	Aug 25	Sept. 1

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GABO, TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, 12 noon. COOLGARDIE, TUESDAY, April 24, 5 p.m. ANGLIAN, TUESDAY, May 1.

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R.M.S.	Tons	Commander.	Sydney, noon.	Melb., 1 p.m.	Adel., 2 p.m.
*CUZCO	3918	W. S. Shelford	April 25	May 1	May 3
*ORTONA	8000	Lindsay Hay	May 12	May 15	May 17
ORIZABA	6297	E. E. Lavington	May 26	May 29	May 31
OROYA	6297	R. Fletcher	June 9	June 12	June 14
*OPHIR	6910	F. W. Symons	June 23	June 26	June 28
ORUBA	5857	J. Linklater	July 7	July 10	July 12

* Twin screw. + Calling at Hobart.

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MARIPOSA	Houdlette	May 9	May 14	June 1
MOANA	Carey	June 6	June 11	June 29
ALAMEDA	Van Oterendorp	July 4	July 9	July 27

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For AUCKLAND, GISBORNE, NAPIER, WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, and DUNEDIN (transhipping to outports)—S.S. WAIHORA, THURSDAY, April 26, at 5 p.m. S.S. MARAROA, WEDNESDAY, May 16.

For WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, DUNEDIN, and BLUFF, HOBART, and MELBOURNE, transhipping to outports—S.S. WAIKARE, about THURSDAY, April 26. S.S. MOKOIA, SATURDAY, May 5, at 1 p.m.

TASMANIA.

For HOBART DIRECT—S.S. OONAH, MONDAY, April 23, at noon. From HOBART—S.S. OONAH, April 17 and 27.

For LAUNCESTON, via Eden, transhipping to N.W. COAST PORTS (Devonport, Burnie, and Stanley)—S.S. WAKATIPU, THURSDAY, April 19, at noon.

SOUTH SEA ISLANDS.

For FIJI (SUVA and LEVUKA), via Samoa (Apia)—S.S. HAUROTO, about THURSDAY, May 17.

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LAUNCESTON—S.S. PATEENA, FRIDAY, April 20. STRAHAN (Zeehan silverfields).—WEDNESDAY, April 18.

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FOR MELBOURNE, GEELONG, PORTLAND, WARRNAMBOOL — Gabo, To-morrow, Wednes., 12 noon. Peregrine, Saturday, April 21, 1 p.m. Leura, Saturday, April 28, 1 p.m.

ADELAIDE, WALLAROO, PORT PIRIE, PORT AUGUSTA — Gabo, To-morrow, Wednes., 12 noon.

ALBANY, FREMANTLE — Gabo, To-morrow, Wednes., 12 noon.

BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, ROCKHAMPTON, BUNDABERG — Konoowarra, This Day, Tues., 5 p.m. Tyrian, Saturday, April 21, 12 noon. Burwah, Tuesday, April 24, 5 p.m.

GLADSTONE, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE — Tyrian, Saturday, April 21, 12 noon. Peregrine, Saturday, April 28, 12 noon.

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FOR BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, GLADSTONE, BUNDABERG, ROCKHAMPTON, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE, and River Ports to CAIRNS. — S.S. ROCKTON, FRIDAY, April 20, at 5 p.m.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

FOR ALBANY, FREMANTLE, and PERTH. — S.S. CINTRA, FRIDAY, April 20, at 5 p.m. (Connecting with S.S. Marloo, leaving Melbourne TUESDAY, April 24.)

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BRISBANE — Aramac (from Circular Quay), This Day, 5 p.m., April 17. Eurimbla, Thursday, April 19

MARYBOROUGH — Eurimbla, Thursday, April 19

BUNDABERG — Aramac (from Circular Quay), This Day, 5 p.m., April 17

GLADSTONE — Aramac (from Circular Quay), This Day, 5 p.m., April 17

ROCKHAMPTON — Aramac (from Circular Quay), This Day, 5 p.m., April 17. Eurimbla, Thursday, April 19

And all QUEENSLAND PORTS to TOWNSVILLE and COOKTOWN. — Aramac (from Circular Quay), This Day, 5 p.m., April 17. Wodonga, Tuesday, 5 p.m., April 24

THURSDAY ISL'D, NORMANTON, BURKETOWN — Wodonga, Tues., 5 p.m., April 24 (Tranship at Brisbane).

NOUMEA, LEVUKA, SUVA (FIJI) — Birksgate, Saturday, April 21.

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NOTICE TO PASSENGERS AND SHIPPERS.

The A.U.S.N. CO.'S Wharfs at Lime-street having been temporarily quarantined,

Cargo ex Aramac, from Melbourne, will be discharged at Circular Quay.

Cargo for Queensland ports will be received at that wharf, and passengers are notified that she will sail THIS DAY, TUESDAY, April 17.

S.S. Wodonga, from Queensland, will land her cargo at Pyrmont Wharf.

The Company will not be responsible for loss of or damage to cargo after it has been landed. Consignees will therefore take immediate delivery. BURNS, PHILP, and CO., Ltd., Agents, 10 Bridge-street.

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CLARENCE RIVER.—City of Grafton, To-morrow, 9 p.m.

RICHMOND RIVER.—St. George, To-morrow, 8 p.m.

MACLEAY RIVER.—Burrawong, Thursday, 9 a.m.

MANNING RIVER.—Coraki, To-morrow, 2 p.m.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Rosedale, To-morrow, 9 p.m.

NAMBUCCA RIVER.—Rosedale, To-morrow, 9 p.m.

BELLINGER RIVER (transhipping into Eureka).—Burrawong, Thursday, 9 a.m.

Cargo will be received at Pyrmont on day of sailing up to 5 p.m.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

Until further notice the rates of freight and passage will be INCREASED 10 PER CENT. RICHARD COOKE, Secretary. Booking Office, 281 George-street, opposite Hunter-street.

TWEED RIVER DIRECT. (Positively only steamer this week.) S.S. Wollumbin will positively sail from Government Wharf, Pyrmont, THIS DAY, Tuesday, 6 p.m. BYRON BAY, Coff's, and Woolgoolga.—S.S. Excelsior, THIS DAY, Tuesday, 10 p.m. G. W. Nicoll, 110 Sussex-st.

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ILLAWARRA S. N. COMPANY. WEATHER PERMITTING.

Wollongong, Kiama, Shoalhaven.—Tues., Fri., cargo only. Clyde River, Nelligen, Bateman's Bay.—Friday, 10 a.m. Ulladulla.—Thursday, noon; Friday, 10 a.m. Merimbula, Eden.—Monday, Thursday, noon. Tathra, Pambula.—Monday, Thursday, noon. Bermagui.—Monday, Thursday, noon. Cargo received on Day of Sailing Only.

ILLAWARRA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Until further notice all cargo will be received and delivered at the west side of DARLING ISLAND, this being the berth allotted by the Government to this Company.

All cargo must be removed at once after landing, as the Company will not hold themselves responsible for loss or damage. CHAS. SPEER, Secretary. I.S.N. Co.'s Offices, 23rd March, 1900.

GOSFORD and BRISBANE WATER.—S.S. WYONG leaves Canadian Wharf, eastern side Circular Quay, WEDNESDAY, 8 a.m. Cargo received TUESDAY. Fare: Single, 2s 6d; Return, 4s.

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WEEK DAYS.—7, 7.40, 8.45, 9.20, 10, *10.10, 11 a.m., 12.15, 1.15, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 4.45, 5.15, 5.45, 6.15, 7.15, 8.15, 9.15, 10.15, 11.15 p.m.

SATURDAYS and HOLIDAYS.—7, 7.40, 8.45, 9.20, 10, 11 a.m., 12.15, 1.15, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.15, 6.0, 7.15, 8.15, 9.15, 10.15, 11.15 p.m.

SUNDAYS.—9, 10.0, 11.0, 12.0 a.m., 1.0, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7.15, 8.15, 9.15, 10.15 p.m.

FARES: Adults, 6d return; Children, 3d. * Direct to Fig Tree.

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MORAVIAN	A. Simpson	4650	June 15

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Cape and Natal	£31 10s	£13 13s to £17 17s

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HOBART—TAMBO, THIS DAY, TUESDAY, noon, and April 27. From Hobart, April 21, May 1.

MELBOURNE and GEELONG—ELINGAMITE, WEDNESDAY, April 25. Return tickets available for six months.

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CONSIGNEES will please note that these Steamers have discharged at the WHITE STAR BERTH, Woolloomooloo Bay. Cargo landed is at consignees' risk, and any cargo not removed will be stored by the Government authorities. HUDDART, PARKER, and CO. PROPTY., Ltd.

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SAILING FOR NEW ZEALAND PORTS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, at 4 p.m.

PASSENGERS and SHIPPERS will note that this Ship will sail from the WHITE STAR WHARF, Woolloomooloo Bay.

CARGO is now being received. HUDDART, PARKER, and CO. PROPTY., Ltd.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO PASSENGERS FOR NEW ZEALAND PORTS.

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TWEED RIVER STEAMSHIP COY.'S S.S. AUGUSTA.—First Boat for Tweed River direct from Government Wharf, Pyrmont, south of bridge, This Day, at 6 p.m. Cargo rec. up to time of sailing. L. Tulloch.

STEAM to ULLADULLA, BATEMAN'S BAY, and NELLIGEN, for BRAIDWOOD.—S.S. PETERBOROUGH leaves Buckle's Wharf, Pyrmont, THIS DAY, at noon. Passengers and Cargo. JOHN AUBIN, Agent.

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ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW, 1900. To Members of the above Society, Pastoralists, and others Interested.

A PUBLIC EXHIBITION of the CUMING VAPOR BRAND will be given on the Showground, THIS DAY, Tuesday, 17th instant, at 11.15 a.m., when stock, &c., will be branded by this process. J. B. MACLAURIN, Promoter. 39 Hunter-street, city.

IN the ASSIGNED ESTATE of HONG WONG trading as Kum Yoon Looy, George-street.

A Supplementary DIVIDEND at the rate of One Penny and twenty-seven fifty-sixths of a Penny (1 27-56d) in the £ in the above estate is now payable at our office on production of the necessary authorities to receive same. W. and A. M'ARTHUR, Ltd., 79 York-street. 12th April, 1900.

PUBLIC NOTICE. "BUKIL," the Infallible Exterminator of Bedroom Insects, is now obtainable at all Chemists and Grocers. 1s PER BOTTLE. Wholesale: ELLIOTT BROS., Ltd. All Wholesale Grocers, or the Agents—150 The Strand.

MATTHEW DWYER, late Milk Carter, Woollahra Dairy, requested to call on his late employer, J. Purcell, Woollahra Dairy, at once. Important.

OWING to reconstruction of business all Accounts owing must now be paid by the 21st instant, and oblige. W. F. SHARP, News Agent, Dural.

NOTICE.—I will not be responsible for any DEBTS contracted by my WIFE or FAMILY from this date, 14th April, 1900. OWEN CHILLY, 81 Darlington-road, Darlington.

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HANDS. REW.—LOST, at Randwick, black and white Collie DOG. Mrs. Blair, near A.J.C. Hotel, R'wick.

IF the two WATCHES, Sovereign Purse, and Railway Ticket, LOST from a Pitt street Hotel, are returned a handsome Reward will be paid by GRAHAM MILLER, 16a Imperial Arcade.

LOST, Marquis Diamond Ring; also ruby encircled with diam. Ring. Rew., Liverpool Arms, Reservoir-st.

LOST, Monday morning, Sable and White Collie DOG. Apply No. 11 Albert st., Potts Point. Reward.

LOST, Satur., Leigh House or Oxford-st., Gold Brooch, 2 hearts and crown of pearls. 14 Sims-st., S.H.

LOST, Gold Brooch, dog and whip, bet., D'hurst and Randwick R'course. Reward at 164 Glenmore-rd., Pad.

LOST, Monday, on Flat, Randwick, Gold Cable Albert CHAIN and WATCH. 38 Darlinghurst-rd. Reward.

LOST, PURSE, Agricultural Ground, L. Nolan inside; rew. E. W. Usher, dentist, 71 Oxford-st., Waverley.

LOST, bet. Milson's Pt. and Liv'pool-st., Gold Brooch, greenstone. Reward. Apartments Agcy., 10 Pitt-st.

LOST, bet. Christ Church and Railway, SPECTACLES, Esdale on case. Reward, Cuffill and Co.

LOST, Green Silver-mtd. Purse, Mon. morn., bet. Newtown and H'ket. G. rew. Health Dep., Macquarie-st.

LOST, in Hargrave-st. 'bus, Red Leather Purse, contg. gold and silver; reward. 20 Duxford-st., Paddtn.

LOST between Summer Hill and Canterbury, Gold Bracelet, reward. Bate Bros., news ag., Sum. Hill.

LOST, Sunday afternoon, bet. Glebe and Hornsby Junction, Sil. Belt; rew. Mercantile L. Rooms, 84 Pitt-st.

LOST, Irish Terrier DOG, ears cut. Reward. 17 Campbell-st., Milson's Point.

LOST, a Skye Terrier SLUT, on Saturday night. Reward. 81 Derwent-st., Glebe.

LOST, Collie DOG, black and white points, answers to Bruce. Reward. R. Stewart, Cook's R.-rd., St. Peters.

LOST, an Irish Tan Terrier, new collar, stumpy tail, reward. 57 Railway-terrace, Petersham.

LOST, Monday, in Cloakroom, Randwick, Gold SPECTACLES; reward 15s. A.J.C. Office, C'reagh-st.

LOST, Doctor's Bag, last Saturday, Paddy's Market; reward, 25 George-st., near railway station.

LOST, Sat., bet. Marrickville and Enmore, Amethyst and P'rl Brooch; rew. Chelmsford, Simmons-st., Enm.

LOST, the Morning Headache now that I stick to DICKENS' WHISKY.

LOST, Mosman's Bay, Brooch, with W. H. in pearls; also, some weeks ago, a Gold Brooch, with shamrock in torquoise. Reward on leaving at Wainui, Raglan-street, Mosman's.

LOST, GOLD BROOCH, 3 horseshoes, Mon. night, cnt. Hyde Park and waiting-r., keepsake. Good reward. Reception House, Darlinghurst.

LOST, Saturday, ST. BERNARD (Bitch), white on face. Reward, 231 George-street North. Anyone detaining same will be prosecuted.

REWARD, £1.—Lost in Centennial Pk., Purse, money, railway ticket, Mudgee. 280 Norton-st., Leichhardt.

REWARD. LOST, pair Field GLASSES, on lawn, Randwick R'course. Coach and Horses Hotel, R'wick.

REWARD £1.—Information that will lead conviction person took Cruet Monday, Commercial Hotel, Balm.

REWARD 10s, LOST, Red and White Spotted COW, branded J in diamond. S. J. Willmott, Kogarah-rd.

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Legal Notices.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of LACHLAN CAMERON, late of Big Hill, Marulan, in the colony of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased, intestate.—After fourteen days application will be made that Letters of Administration of the Estate of the said deceased be granted to CATHERINE WILSON, of Goulburn, Widow, one of the next of kin. And all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. HAROLD O'BRIEN, Proctor for Applicant, Goulburn.

Tenders.

ARTISTS and PAINTERS.—If you want best quality Goods for Lowest Cost buy from JAMES SANDY and CO., 271 and 330 George-street.

BRICKS, Bricks, Bricks, cheapest and best. Tel., 135, Vickery, 78 Pitt-st.

CATERING.—TENDERS for 30 Couples, two meals. Menu and price apply B. B., P.O., Haymarket.

ESTIMATES wanted for ironwork. Gardiner, 73 Oxford-st., city.

IN the Assigned Estate of THOMAS CARLETON Draper, Leichhardt.

TENDERS are invited for the Purchase of the Stock-in-trade and Plant, as under, and will be received until Noon on MONDAY, 23rd April, 1900.

LOT 1.

Manchester, £773; Clothing, £682; Dresses and Silks, £844; Ribbons and Laces, £554; Haberdashery and Fancy, £819; Mercery, £544; Showroom, £1116; Hosiery and Gloves, £365; Boots, £367; Sundries, £184 ... £6,228 0 0

LOT 2.

Plant and Fixtures	643 0 0
	£6,871 0 0

Tenders, which must be on our form, to be accompanied by the usual 10 per cent. deposit. Stock-sheets may be inspected and tender forms obtained on the premises at Leichhardt. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

This offers an excellent opportunity of securing a good going concern in a busy progressive suburb. KENT and BRIERLEY, Incorporated Accountants, 50 The Strand.

IN the ASSIGNED ESTATE of ERNEST JONES Draper, Wellington.

TENDERS are invited for the undernoted ASSETS in the above Estate, and will be received at my office until noon on THURSDAY, the 19th instant:—

STOCK-IN-TRADE and PLANT—		
Manchester and Dresses	£121 18 1	
Haberdashery, Hosiery, Gloves, &c.	95 7 0	
Millinery, Underclothing, &c.	63 7 4	
	£280 12 5	
PLANT	8 3 0	
		£288 15 5

The usual 10 per cent. conditions. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Stock-sheets may be seen and all information obtained on the premises or at my office. ALBERT BORCHARD, Incorporated Accountant, Equitable-building, George-street. Sydney, 11th April, 1900.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CURA VITÆ PROPRIETARY, Limited (in liquidation).

TENDERS are invited for the Purchase of the Assets, inclusive of the Recipe and Rights of Manufacture.

Lot 1.—Stock, consisting of Cura Vitæ and Liniment, &c., and inclusive of Recipe and Rights	£898 4 1
Lot 2.—Fittings, Fixtures, Plant, &c.	153 11 4
Lot 3. Book Debts—Good	90 18 2
Doubtful and Bad	203 9 5

Tenders will be received at our offices up to noon on THURSDAY, 19th APRIL, 1900.

Stock Sheets, Tender Forms, and all information at our offices or on the premises, No. 229 Elizabeth-street, Melbourne. EGGLESTON, WOOTTON, and FULLER, Incorporated Accountants, &c., 57 Queen-street, Melbourne.

INTENDING Tenderers are reminded that TENDERS CLOSE THIS DAY as under:—

In the Assigned Estate of C. REID and CO., Ulmarra, at 12 noon.

In the Assigned Estate of ADOLPH VOLLBRECHT, Kempsey, at 3 p.m. ALBERT BORCHARD, Incorporated Accountant, Equitable-buildings, George-street.

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PAINTING and Asphalting at 35, 37, 39 Carlton-st., S.H. Tenders close Tues. evg. Butler, 99 William-st.

SEWERAGE, 5 new Houses, Dowling-st., W'loo Bay. Plans on job. E. H. Buchanan, builder.

TENDERS will be received up till noon on FRIDAY the 20th instant, for the completion of Buildings at No. 1a Cecil-street, Ashfield. A 10 per cent. deposit should accompany each tender. Specification may be seen at my office on and after Tuesday next. H. F. BARTON, Master in Lunacy, Chancery-square, Sydney.

TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS. We are prepared to Supply TESTED PORTLAND CEMENT, Rock Brand, in any quantity, at reduced prices. Country buyers will save 14 miles railway carriage. GOODLET and SMITH, Limited, 483 George-street, or Cement Works, Granville.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS are invited to the 24th of April for Repairs, &c., to St. Silas' Church, Waterloo. J. S. E. ELLIS, F.R.I.B.A., Architect. 108 Pitt-street, Sydney.

TENDERS wanted to R. of House. Must apply for particulars, 220 Oxford-street, Paddington, between 9 and 11 o'clock this morning.

TENDERS for Laying of Water and Plumbing of Cottage. Apply new building, corner of Schwebel-street and Meeks-road, Marrickville.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS invited for Additions to a Residence and for a Weatherboard Cottage at Pymble. KENT and BUDDEN, Architects, 129 Pitt-street.

TENDERS Connecting House with Sewer, W. Barkley, Cox, butcher, 35 Norton-st., Leichhardt, 8 to 10 a.m.

TENDERS Putting on Battens and Iron to Roof, Lu. Apply Enmore-rd. and station-st., 5.30 to 6.30 evg.

TO CARRIERS.—Price Removing Boiler from N. Sydney. Souter, 496 Jones-st., Ultimo.

TURF.—Tenders invited for 8000ft. best Couch Grass, 2in. thick, delivered. 16 Smith-st., Summer Hill.

WANTED, PRICE to Excavate Stone. Apply job, Stafford-st., Paddington, 10 a.m.

WANTED, TENDERS for Plumbing of two Houses, Bradford-st., off Booth-st., Balmain.

WANTED, Price for Laying Floors, Dulwich-st., Lewisham. New Cottages, near tram terminus.

WANTED, TENDERS for Alterations to two Houses. Apply J. Cover, 19 King-st., Newtown.

SLATES, SLATES, SLATES.—Orders now being booked for Blue and Green 20 x 10 American Slates, ex ships just discharged. G. E. CRANE and SONS, Slate Depot, 19 to 21 Pitt-street, Circular Quay.

For Sale.

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE FURNITURE for cottage or mansion, hotel or restaurant, office or schoolroom. Note prices—Austrian Chairs, 3s; Dining Tables, 7s 6d; ced. Chests Drs., 20s; pearl, nickel, brass mtd D. Bedsteads from 25s; Wardrobes, 55s; Linen Press, 25s; solid walnut Bedroom and Drawing-room Suites, Bookcases, Secretaires, Cabinets, Art Tables, Chairs, Overmantels, 12cwt. Avery scale, steam copper jacketed Pan, Chaffcutter, &c., &c. 1000 Sundries. Country orders packed free. ELLIOTT'S, 623 George-street, near Goulburn-street.

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DENTISTS' Paragon Chair, S.S. W. Engine, Headrest, Cabinet, imp. Amer. Barbers' Chairs. 623 George-st.

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PALMERSTON OVERCOATS— 42 INCHES IN LENGTH.

Scotch Ribbed Tweed, 27s 6d. W. of England Venetian Cloth, Blue, Brown, Fawn, and Grey, 47s 6d. Black Vicuna, Satin Facings and Foreparts, 63s.

CHESTERFIELD OVERCOATS—

SINGLE-BREASTED. BLUE and FAWN BEAVER CLOTH, 30s. BLUE and FAWN MELTON CLOTH, 52s 6d. CLERICAL GREY SERGERETTE, 37s 6d, 42s. CLERICAL BLACK WORSTED, 39s 6d.

DOUBLE-BREASTED. SEMI-ULSTER in TWEED, 42s. D.B. IRISH FRIEZE ULSTER, 57s 6d. D.B. BLUE NAP, 50s.

PADDOCK OVERCOATS— 56 to 58 Inches in Length.

FAWN VENETIAN CLOTH, 58s 6d, 65s. FAWN and GREY RAINPROOF COVERT COATING, 58s 6d, 60s.

TALMA OVERCOATS— THE LATEST STYLE, 54 to 56 inches in Length. Fawn Venetian Cloth in Two Shades, 57s 6d.

COVERT COATS. Fawn Melton, 21s, 22s 6d, 27s 6d. Fawn Covert Coating, 27s 6d, 37s 6d, 47s 6d. Fawn Beaver, 40s. Fawn Beaver Cloth, Tweed Lined, 63s.

OPERA AND INVERNESS CAPES. Black Serge, with Italian Cloth Facings, 40s. Black Vicuna, with Satin Facings, 47s 6d, 63s.

SCARBOROUGH OVERCOATS, WITH DEEP CAPE. Fancy Scotch Tweeds, 30s, 35s, 50s, 55s.

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THE CHESTERFIELD. In Fancy Covert Coatings, 45s to 72s 6d.

THE SCARBOROUGH. In Black Cashmere, 27s 6d, 32s 6d, 35s, 50s, 55s.

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A SPECIAL TRAIN for First and Second Class Passengers will leave Sydney at 1.55 p.m. for Rockdale, returning from Rockdale after races, and Trams will connect with same from and to Rockdale station.

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By order of the Commissioners.
H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

Amusements.

TOWN HALL.

TO-NIGHT. TO-NIGHT.

GRAND OPERATIC CONCERT, IN AID of the PATRIOTIC FUND.

1. Scena and Duetto—"Il Trovatore," Leonora, Miss HARMER; The Count, Mr. EDW. FARLEY.
2. "The Yeoman's Wedding," Mr. S. C. JEFFCOTT.
3. Duo "Home to Our Mountains" ("Il Trovatore") Azucena, Signora FARBUS; Manrico, Mr. A. TRAVERS.
4. "At My Window," Miss LALLA ROSS.
5. Duo—"The Moon has Raised," Mr. A. TRAVERS and Mr. CHAS. A. ROSS.
6. "Thine for Aye," Miss LULU ZESCH.
7. Piano Solo—"Polonaise" (Chopin), Miss MARY ROBINSON.
8. "Mercy for Me! Robert Toi Que J'aime," Signora FARBUS.
9. Violin Solo—"Andante" (Pousard), Mr. CHAS. A. ROSS.
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The following favourite artists will contribute to a well-varied and popular programme:—
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BRIGHTON RACING CLUB PONY and TROTTING GALLOWAY MEETING.
TO-DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 17. TO-DAY. TO-DAY. First race at 2.40 p.m.
ORDINARY TRAINS at 12.10, 1.10, 2.10, 2.25 p.m. SPECIAL TRAIN at 1.55 p.m.
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Miscellaneous.

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MR. ALEXANDER COLE, 86 Bathurst-street, will be ABSENT from his Rooms from noon on THURSDAY, the 12th, till 10 o'clock THURSDAY, the 19th.

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THURSDAY NEXT, APRIL 19th, AT 2 p.m.
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BOX PLAN AT ELVY'S.

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CAMILLE.

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CAMILLE.

Miss O'Neil was accorded a hearty reception when she made her appearance, and during the evening she received applause of the most genuine kind, which continued at the close of each act until the curtain was raised several times. It may be said at once that her performance was one that will live in the memories of those who witnessed it.—E. News.

CAMILLE.

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TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND DAILY TILL SATURDAY, 21st APRIL.

PROGRAMME.

TUESDAY.
Equestrienne Over Hurdles ... 2 p.m.
Ladies' High Jump ... 3.15 p.m.
Trotting Exhibition in Saddle ... 4 p.m.
Best Pair Carriage Horses ... 3.30 p.m.
Best Four-in-hand ... 3 p.m.
WEDNESDAY.
Miniature Turnout in Harness ... 2 p.m.
Miniature Turnout in Saddle ... 3 p.m.
Broadway Ladies Driving Competition ... 2.15 p.m.
Best Carriage Pairs ... 3.30 p.m.
Four-in-hand ... 4 p.m.
Bartlett and Watson's Special ... 2.30 p.m.
Brown's Special ... 3 p.m.
All-round Horse ... 2.50 p.m.
Costume Steeplechase ... 3.35 p.m.
Trotting Exhibition in Harness ... 4 p.m.
Lady and Gentleman Pairs ... 4.15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S EVENTS.—Fancy Costume Steeplechase and Trotting Exhibition in Harness.—Closing of Entries in above, 4 p.m. This Day.

MEMBERS' TICKETS: Gentlemen, £1 1s; Ladies, 10s 6d; available for all gatherings throughout the year to Stand, Lawn, &c.
N.B.—Ladies holding Tickets will enter by Members' Gates and avoid passing through turnstiles. The Gates will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. No vehicles admitted.

ADMISSION: April 11th to 18th, Ground, 1s; Stand, 2s. April 19th to 21st, Ground, 6d; Stand, 6d. Children Half Price.
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During the season the management will stage several Shakespearian Plays, either "The Merchant of Venice," "The Winter's Tale," "Hamlet," "As You Like It," "Romeo and Juliet," or "Richard III." (text version). Patrons are requested to indicate which play they would prefer being first produced by writing the title on a slip and handing same to the checktaker upon entering the theatre. The management will be guided in its selection by the votes.

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MISS Nathan's Scientific Tearooms will be Opened on Thursday at 10.30. 11 Oddfellows-chambers, 82 King-st.

RAY. No letters. Have asked dozens of times. Stella.

THOMAS J. CLARK, left London for Sydney 1867, wrote home from Alfa Sawmills, West Kempsey, 1870. Brother Alexander, now in Sydney, would like news. Address c/o Mr. Lucas, Cooper Wharf, W'mooloo Bay.

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Auction Sales.

T. S. CLIBBORN'S ANNUAL YEARLING SALE, THIS DAY, THIS DAY, at T. PAYTEN'S NEWMARKET STABLES, at ONE O'CLOCK SHARP.
YEARLINGS ON VIEW AT 12 O'CLOCK.
Trams leave Bent-street at 11.5, 11.35, 12.5, and 12.35.
Omnibus meets trams at Short-street, Randwick.
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IMPORTANT NOTICE. T. S. CLIBBORN'S YEARLING SALE.
Owing to the large number of Yearlings catalogued for THIS DAY, I will commence the sale at ONE O'CLOCK SHARP.
T. S. CLIBBORN, Agent.

SHOW HORSES.
PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Ltd., will auction on the Showground, THIS DAY, 17th April, at 10.30 a.m., as follows:—
Draught Stallions, "Flashwood" and "Rochford Champion."
Pony Stallion, "Dick," champion prize winner
Trotting Mare, "Wild Rose"
Trotting Filly, "Alice Hawthorne."
Buggy Mare, account Mr. G. Crosker.

26 HORSES. 26 HORSES.
CAMPERDOWN SALEYARDS.
WEDNESDAY NEXT, 18th APRIL, at 2.30.
PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Ltd., will sell by auction as above.
Account Mr. JAS. KENNEDY, BARRINGUN.
16 Draughts and Light Horses, the whole carefully broken in. The draughts are quick, reliable workers, and most of the others are unusually good strong hackneys, and what is wanted for the Transvaal.
Account Mr. JAS. CUFFE, BARRINGUN.
2 Powerful, shapely, unbroken Draughts, and one good riding mare.
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200 HEAD OF HIGH-CLASS HORSES, from Tenterfield and Gloucester, on FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 1900.
J. N. BRUNKER and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at Campbell's Hill, on FRIDAY, the 20th April, 1900, at 12 o'clock,
On account of Well-known Breeders.
200 Head of Superior Horses, comprising Heavy Draughts, Up-standing Saddle and Springcart sorts; also, several Handsome Ponies. These horses are represented as being in good condition.

METROPOLITAN SHOW.
TENTERFIELD PIGS. TENTERFIELD PIGS.
HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN, Limited, have received instructions from Walker Trustees to sell by auction, on the Showground, THIS DAY, 17th instant, A Very Choice consignment of the famous Tenterfield PIGS, as per order of sale. Represented superior to any previous lots sold in Sydney.

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Auction Sales.

SHOW SALES.
PEDIGREE HORSES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, on the SHOW GROUNDS, MOORE PARK, THIS DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 17th, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M., as under, viz.:—

COACHING STALLIONS.
On account of Mr. G. NASH, EMU PLAINS. GRATIS, Grey Horse, by Perfection (imp.), dam Arabia. Off. cat., 94.
On account of Mr. JOHN JEFFREY, BRAIDWOOD. YOUNG JOHN, by Lord John (imp.), dam Jessie (imp.). Off. cat., 25 A.

TROTTING STALLIONS.
On account of Mr. R. WILLSMITH, SYDNEY. VANDERBILT, Bay Trotting Stallion, 5 years, by Torrent, dam Jinny. Off. cat., 26.
On account Mr. E. BECKETT, SYDNEY. WATERLOO, Brown, by Childe Harold, dam Confusion. Off. cat., 27.
On account of Mr. H. KNIGHT, SYDNEY. VISCOUNT, Black, 3 years, by Judge Belden. Off. cat., 28 (winner of second prize).

ROADSTER STALLIONS.
On account of Mr. ADAM BEERS, SYDNEY. BILLY, Bay Horse, by Childe Harold (imp.), dam by President Grant. Has trotted a mile in 2.47. Started once and ran second. Off. cat., 45.

HEAVY DRAUGHT STALLIONS.
On account of Mr. HUGH RAE, VICTORIA. DUNMORE, bay, 2 years. Off. cat., 66. CHAMPION, bay, 2 years and 6 months. Offic. cat., 67. PRIDE OF CLYDE, bay, 2 years and 5 months, offic. cat., 68. STAR OF THE WEST, bay, 2 years and 2 months. Off. cat., 69. DREADNOUGHT, bay, 2 years and 4 months. Offic. cat., 70.
On account of Mr. JNO. GRANT, GROVE BUSH, INVERCARGILL, N.Z. ROYAL PRINCE, brown, 6 years. Off. cat., 51. HERO AGAU, dark bay, 6 years. Offic. cat., 52.
On account of Messrs. COLVIN BROS., VICTORIA. DARNLEY MORE, 3 years and 4 months, offic. cat., 57. AVONDALE, bay, offic. cat., 79. ALDOURIE, bay, 1 year and 3 months, offic. cat., 80.
On account of Messrs. G. and S. G. SMITH, CORNUCOPIA, NARROMINE. MARSHALL KEITH II., draught stallion, 6 years, offic. cat., 54.
On account of Mr. CHAS. T. TUCKER, CORINDA, BELFORD. GENERAL GORDON, brown, offic. cat., 55. BANTIN ROBIN, bay, 2 years and 4 months, offic. cat., 74.
On account of Mr. A. O. POWER, LYNWOOD, SEVEN HILLS. YOUNG EMPEROR, bay, 1 year and 6 months, offic. cat., 88.
On account of Mr. W. H. DEAN, WINDSOR. SHAMROCK, brown Draught Colt, by St. Patrick (imp.), offic. cat. 81.
On account Mr. DAVID MANSON, ALBION PARK. JACK THE LAD, bright bay, 4 years, by Bonnie Briscoit (imp.), offic. cat., 87. PRINCE LAWRENCE (imp.), Dark Bay, 2 years, by Prince Lawrence, offic. cat., 84.

ACTIVE FARM STALLION.
On account of Mr. FRANK H. BROWN, CAIGAN, MERRYGOEN. COCK ROBIN (imp.). Offic. cat., 86.

TROTTING MARES.
On account of Mr. W. MACINTOSH, SYDNEY. STELLA, dk. chestnut mare, by Judge Belden, won first prize in trot at Kiama in 2.56. Offic. cat., 16.

DRAUGHT MARES.
On account Mr. THOS. HAMILTON, SYDNEY. VIOLET, black, 5 years. Offic. cat., 127, winner of two specials and four First Prizes.
On account Mr. FRANK GUEST. BONNIE, Bay, by Shieldrum (imp.), dam by King Tom (imp.). Offic. cat., 119.
On account Mr. W. HERRON, SYDNEY. BLOSSOM, Bay mare. Offic. cat., 120.
On account Mr. J. SIMPSON. BLOSSOM, Ches. Mare. Offic. cat., 128.
On account Mr. D. MANSON. KATE, Black Mare, 5 years, by Victor. Offic. cat., 121.

HUNTERS, HACKS, HIGH JUMPERS, HARNESS HORSES, and PONIES.
On account of Mr. H. D. MORETON, the whole of his well-known Show Horses, consisting of 5 Hunters, all prize-winners; 7 Harness Horses and Ponies, also prize-takers; 1 Blood Mare, stinted to Russley.
On account of Messrs. COLVIN BROS., VICTORIA. Chestnut, offic. cat., 340; Ruby Grey, offic. cat., 343; Grey, offic. cat., 344.
On account Mr. A. HARVEY, SYDNEY. LEOPOLD, Mouse-coloured Pony Stallion, by Bonnie Charlie. Offic. cat., 244.

. FULL PARTICULARS and PEDIGREES OF THE ABOVE IN CATALOGUES at TIME OF SALE.

SHOW SALES.
PURE-BRED BERKSHIRE PIGS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from the well-known breeder, Mr. L. L. RAMSAY, to sell by auction, on the SHOWGROUND, MOORE PARK, THIS DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 17th, at 9.30 a.m.—
13 Pure-bred BERKSHIRE PIGS.
On account of Mr. CHAS. BARNES, SYDNEY, 1 TAMWORTH BOAR.
. Full particulars at sale.

INGLIS AND SON'S HORSE BAZAAR.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m. sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipdrays, Horses, and Harness. At 11.30 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description. Specially advertised. Tel., 1381.

5 SULKIES AND 1 VILLAGE CART.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from the Builder to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., 5 New Sulkies, with slide seats, and 1 New Village Cart.

TWO HORSES AND 1 PONY, FROM SCONE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. S. O'DONNELL, SCONE, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY at 11.30 a.m., Two Grey Gelding, handled to lead; also one Bay Pony Gelding, broken to saddle. NO RESERVE.

3 FRESH COUNTRY HORSES, FROM BATHURST. 3
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. M. L. Machattie, Bathurst, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
1 Dark Bay Gelding, 5 years, broken to saddle, splendid hackney
1 Dark Bay Mare, broken to saddle and harness, very fast
1 Grey Mare, broken to saddle and harness, good buggy mare.

RACING PONY, ODD MARK.—WILLIAM INGLIS has received instructions from the owner to sell at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30, Odd Mark, by Udo, winner of many races round the country.

SPECIAL SALES of PEDIGREE HORSES AND CATTLE, at INGLIS'S BAZAAR, PITT and CASTLEREAGH STREETS, SYDNEY, TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18th.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will hold SPECIAL SALES as above, HORSES at 11 a.m. sharp. CATTLE at 2.30 p.m. sharp.
OWNERS WISHING TO OFFER STOCK AT THE ABOVE SALE, AND WHO HAVE NOT YET SENT PARTICULARS, WILL OBLIGE BY DOING SO WITHOUT DELAY.

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Under the Direction of Mr. Charles Holloway.

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Auction Sales.

4 UPSTANDING SADDLE AND HARNESS HORSES, FROM THE CLARENCE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. A. Cameron, Clarence River, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., 4 Upstanding Saddle and Harness Horses, thoroughly broken. Particulars at sale.

PEDIGREE CATTLE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, Pitt and Castlereagh streets, Sydney, TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, April 18th, commencing AT 2.30 P.M., as under, viz.:—
On account of Mr. JNO. GRANT, Grove Bush, Invercargill, N. Zealand. 4 Pure-bred Ayrshire Bulls; 6 Pure-bred Ayrshire Cows.
On account of Mr. JNO. E. MOORE, Ellensville, Glenmore. 4 Pure-bred Ayrshire Bulls; 2 Pure-bred Ayrshire Cows; 1 Pure-bred Ayrshire Heifer.
On account of Mr. P. CONOLLY, Shoalhaven. 1 Pure bred Ayrshire Bull.
On account of Mr. CHAS. DUNN, Tulwah Downs, The Oaks. 6 Pure-bred Jersey Bulls.
On account of Mr. JAS. B. M'MAHON, Sydney. 1 Pure-bred Jersey Bull.
On account of Mr. W. H. HARRIS, Edensor Park, 4 Pure-bred Jersey Cows and Heifer.
On account of Mr. D. BOUFFIER, Bowen Park, 4 Pure-bred Jersey Cows.
On account of Mr. R. GRAHAM, Sydney. 1 Pure-bred Jersey Bull.
On account of Mr. S. TREVANER, Sydney. 1 Pure-bred Jersey Bull.
On account Messrs. PITT, SON, and BADGERY. 4 Pure-bred Jersey Bulls.
On account Mr. P. H. MORETON, Berry. 1 Dairy Bull, a prize-taker.
On account of Mr. JNO. BUCKLEY, Sydney. 1 Pure-bred Jersey Bull; 1 Pure-bred Jersey Heifer.
On account of Mr. S. DICKINSON, The Hall, Croydon. 1 Pure-bred Jersey Cow; 1 Pure-bred Jersey Heifer.
On account Mr. T. HANNAN. 4 first-class Milch Cows.
CATALOGUES ON APPLICATION.

TO INDIAN SHIPPERS, OMNIBUS AND CAB PROPRIETORS, PRIVATE GENTLEMEN, and Others.
HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.
A CHOICE LOT of HIGH-CLASS LIGHT HORSES.
90 NINETY HEAD, 90 including a Consignment of INDIAN REMOUNTS, SPECIALLY SELECTED FOR SHIPMENT.
CAMPERDOWN YARDS.
FRIDAY NEXT, APRIL 20th, AT 2.30 P.M. SHARP.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above,
On account Mr. G. KILLINS, MORSS. 20 Upstanding Light Horses, 4 to 6 years old, in good condition, broken and unbroken.
On account Messrs. T. and W. D. MOXHAM. 70 CHOICE LIGHT HORSES, possessing plenty of quality, with abundance of substance and strength, from 15 to 16 hands high, principally bays and browns, 4 and 5 years old, all in the pink of condition, broken and unbroken. All suitable for Army remounts.
. We are requested to specially commend the above to the PARTICULAR ATTENTION OF SHIPPERS, they being A REALLY HIGH-CLASS LOT, having been SPECIALLY SELECTED by Messrs. MOXHAM for EXPORT prior to their having decided to discontinue shipping to India.

PONIES. PONIES. PONIES.
30 PURE-BRED SHETLANDS, 30, 10 to 12 hands high, bred by WILLIAM DEANE, Esq., of Wasco, Blaxland, Blue Mountains, for SALE at INGLIS'S BAZAAR, Pitt and Castlereagh streets, on
FRIDAY NEXT, APRIL 20th, AT 12 O'CLOCK.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. JOHN MOORE, Ellensville, Glenmore, to sell by auction as above, 30 PURE-BRED SHETLAND PONIES, 10 to 12 hands high, all one colour, from 1 to 3 years old, in first-class condition, some broken, others handled to lead, and comprising amongst the number 15 BROOD MARES.
. Included in the number are several suitable as match buggy or phaeton pairs.
THE ABOVE ARE DESCRIBED AS A VERY FINE LOT, HAVING BEEN BRED BY WILLIAM DEANE, ESQ., AT HIS WASCO STUD, AND ARE THE PROGENY OF COSTLY SIRES IMPORTED BY HIM, FROM CHOICE MARES. THE PRESENT OPPORTUNITY SHOULD BE AVAILED OF BY PRIVATE GENTLEMEN, BREEDERS, AND OTHERS REQUIRING CHOICE PONIES OF THE ABOVE BREED.

NEWMARKET SALEYARDS, ST. MARYS.
SATURDAY, 21st APRIL, 1900.
180 HEAD CHOICE DAIRY, FAT, and STORE CATTLE. 180
WEAVER and PERRY have received instructions to sell by auction as above on SATURDAY, the 21st instant,
180 Head Choice Dairy, Fat, and Store Cattle, comprising
70 Choice Dairy Cows and Heifers, forward springers, from 1 to 3 weeks off calving
40 High-class Dairy Heifers, 1 to 2 years old
20 Store Cows, in good condition
50 Extra Prime Fat Cows, from local paddocks.
N.B.—Train leaves Sydney for St. Marys at 10.15 on morning of sale.

GOLDSBROUGH, MORT, and CO., Ltd., will sell by auction TO-DAY, at 2.30 p.m., Bark.

THIS DAY, Tuesday, at 2.30 o'clock. AT 37 BROADWAY, GLEBE.
J. BROWN and CO. will sell by auction, without reserve, for G. MILLS, Esq., his superior Household Furniture and Appointments of 12 rooms, comprising DINING, DRAWING, LIBRARY, BEDROOM and KITCHEN FURNITURE, PIANO, iron frame, all latest improvements. DINING and DRAWING ROOM SUITES, OVERMANTELS, CARPETS, LINOLEUM, Pictures, BEDROOM SUITE, DUCHESSE PS., COMBINATIONS, CHTS. DRS., DOUBLE and SINGLE BEDSTEADS and BEDDING, Glass, China, Tables, Chairs, Dresser. Laundry and Household Requisites and all Effects for furnishing throughout.

THIS (Tuesday) MORNING, APRIL 17, 10 o'clock. On the Premises, 11 Clarence-street, Church-hill. HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, comprising Double and Single Bedsteads and BEDDING, CHESTS OF DRAWERS, TABLES, AUSTRIAN CHAIRS, LINOLEUM, CURTAINS, DRESSERS, Kitchen and Laundry Utensils.
BARNARD and CO. will sell by auction as above, Positively Without Reserve. Auctioneers' Offices, 74 Castlereagh-street.

THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock. H. LEVY will sell by auction at 135 Regent-street, city, a well-assorted lot of New and Second-hand CLOTHING.

To Parties Furnishing, Dealers, and Others.
PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18th, at 11 o'clock. On the Premises, 160 VICTORIA-STREET NORTH, DARLINGHURST.
Dining and Drawing Room Appointments, Piano, &c. Austrian Furniture, Cutlery, Crockery, Glassware, Electroplate, Cut Glass, &c. Contents of Ten Bedrooms, all completely furnished. Kitchen and Cooking Utensils, &c., &c.
AMBROSE F. THOMPSON has been favoured with instructions from the Trustee to conduct the above IMPORTANT SALE. WITHOUT RESERVE.
See full particulars Wednesday's Herald. Auctioneers' Offices, 130 King-street, Sydney.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION. At Forest Lodge Racecourse, at 2.30 p.m., TO-MORROW, Wednesday, A quantity of Lumber, Doors, Screens, old Iron, Tanks, Lamps, Asphalt Roller, 1 Draught Horse and Tip Dray.

A. MITCHELL will sell, THIS DAY, at 10.30, at Ruthven-street, opposite Nelson-street, Waverley, Household Furniture and Effects, Bedsteads, Couches, Ass. Chairs, Crockery, Cutlery, Cooking Utensils, &c., &c.

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Auction Sales.

THIS DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 17th, AT 11 A.M.
FOR SALE BY AUCTION.
AT THE MART, 199 PITT-STREET.
Under instructions from the Importers.
50 Cases PATTINSON'S WHISKY, I.B.
65 Cases AULD TAMIE WHISKY, I.B.
75 Cs. OLD TOM, I.B.
65 Cases DRY GIN, I.B.
50 Chests PICKET TEAS
15 Cases TINNED MEATS
18 Cases VINEGAR
8 Cases BLOATER PASTE
8 Bales BAVARIAN HOPS
20 Sacks WALNUTS
25 Cases SALMON
15 Cases INDIAN CHUTNEY
20 Cases SANDSOAP
20 Cases SALAD OIL
25 Cases CASTOR OIL
8 Boxes TOBACCO
1 Case COFFEE, 27 1lb. tins
30 Cases WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE
and other lines in GENERAL GROCERIES, OILMEN'S STORES, WINES, SPIRITS, BEERS, &c.
Also, On account of whom it may concern, with all faults (if any),
5 Casks TOMATO PULP
3 Crates FIGS, ex. 300 boxes, I.B.
8 Cases CONDENSED MILK.
HENRY HARRIS AND COMPANY will hold the above IMPORTANT SALE by AUCTION, at the MART, 199 PITT-STREET, THIS DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 17, at 11 a.m.
CATALOGUES and SAMPLES obtainable at the Rooms. TERMS AT SALE.

THIS DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 17th, at 2.30 p.m.
FOR ABSOLUTE UNRESERVED SALE.
AT THE MART, 199 PITT-STREET.
SUPERIOR COLONIAL-MADE FURNITURE, comprising Elegant Cedar and Pine Bedroom Suites, Pairs of Cedar and Pine Toilets, Cedar and Pine Chests Drawers, Pine and Cedar Wardrobes, Large Cedar Sideboards, Dining-room Tables, Drawing and Dining Room Suites, &c., &c.
HENRY HARRIS AND COMPANY, AUCTIONEERS and VALUATORS, 199 PITT-STREET.

To the Wholesale and Retail Furnishing Trade, Country Buyers, and others.
FOR SALE BY AUCTION, at the ROOMS, 12 BARRACK-STREET, TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, at 11 o'clock sharp.
FOR AND ON ACCOUNT OF SHIPPERS.
6 Cases BEDSTEADS, Brass Rod, Head and Foot Rails, 6.6 x 4.6
30 Cases AMERICAN DINING-ROOM CHAIRS
30 Bundles SKIN BLINDS, asstd. sizes.
ALSO, TO CLOSE SHIPMENTS, BALANCES of CANE and RATTAN FURNITURE, comprising DRAWING-ROOM SOFAS AND COUCHES, DRAWING-ROOM OCCASIONAL and RECEPTION CHAIRS, ARMCHAIRS, VERANDAH CHAIRS, LOUNGES, and LOUNGE CHAIRS.
Also, BALANCE SHIPMENT WALNUT OVERMANTELS.
A. TRAVERSI and CO. will sell the above shipment at their Rooms, 12 Barrack-street, TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, April 18, at 11 o'clock sharp.

SALVAGE SALE.
FOR SALE BY AUCTION, at the ROOMS, 12 BARRACK-STREET, TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, April 18, at 11 o'clock.
For and on account of all concerned.
Under instructions from W. N. FARMER, Fire Adjuster, THE BALANCE OF THE SALVAGE FROM THE LATE FIRE OF E. J. BROAD, 343 KENT-STREET, comprising Coachbuilders' Material, Hubs, Rims, Springs, and Sundries.
A. TRAVERSI AND CO. will sell as above at their Rooms, 12 Barrack-street, TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, April 18.

To Town and Country Drapers, Mercers, Hawkers, Dealers, &c., &c.
FOR ABSOLUTE AND UNRESERVED SALE.
In our Rooms, 7 WYNYARD-STREET (lately occupied by Jas. Reid and Co.), on TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, at 11 o'clock sharp.
By order of the Consignors, ex R.M.S. Australia.
PB over 8.
9 Packages, containing TOWELS, QUILTS, Men's Hosiery and Clothing, Ladies' and Children's Underclothing and Hosiery, Blankets, Rugs, Calicoes, Sheeting, Flannelette, &c., &c.
Also, Open Stock of MANCHESTER GOODS, Clothing, and Hosiery.
M. GOULSTON AND CO. will sell the above by auction, in their Rooms, 7 Wynyard-street, TO-MORROW, Wednesday, at 11 o'clock sharp.
TERMS AT SALE. NO RESERVE.

BUILDING MATERIALS, BUILDING MATERIALS.
On the Premises, No. 16 Dowling-st., off Oxford-st., close to Paddington Brewery.
TO-MORROW, Wednesday, at 11 o'clock. The whole of the first-class Materials of the late No. 2 Paddington Fire Brigade Station and Billiard-room and Dwelling-house, now being taken down by Mr. H. Cardwell, and stacked in lots to suit purchasers, comprising 200 Sheets 7 and 8 ft. Galv. Iron, equal to new; 80 Sheets 7ft. Ceiling Corrugated Iron; 800ft. 1in. Baltic Lining Boards; 100 6 x 2½ Hardwood Joists, 14ft. lengths; 200ft. 6 x 1, 1000ft. 3 x 2, 4 x 2 Studs, Wall Plates; Massive set of Folding Doors, suit workshop; 10ft. Gate and Posts, complete; Flag Pole, 45ft.; 6 Pairs 2-light Sashes, Panel Doors, and Sundries.
A. BARNETT has received instructions from Mr. H. Cardwell to sell as above, Without Reserve.

THIS DAY.
JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 347A Pitt-street, the Unredeemed CLOTHING and the Balance of JEWELLERY pledged at L. M. Treen's Mont de Piete Loan Office, Market-street. At 10.30 o'clock, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c. At 11.30 o'clock, the Balance of Jewellery.

UNRESERVED SALE of SUPERIOR HIGH-CLASS JEWELLERY.
THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock.
On the Premises of the N.S. WALES MONT DE PIETE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT COMPANY, 74 Castlereagh-street.
HUNTING and O.F. GOLD and SILVER KEYLESS CHRONOGRAPHS. LADIES' and GENTS.' GOLD and SILVER LEVER and WALTHAM WATCHES. SINGLE-STONE, HALF-HOOP, and CLUSTER DIAMOND RINGS. Gold Alberts, Necklets, Links, and Solitaires. Diamond Bracelets, Brooches, Earrings, Studs, Lockets, Pins, &c. Dress, Signet, Keeper, and Wedding Rings.
JOHN P. LISTER has received instructions from the N.S. WALES MONT DE PIETE D. and I. CO. to sell by auction THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock, on the above premises, The whole of the Company's Unredeemed Jewellery, as above.

Clearance sale Building Materials.—Large Corrugated Iron Factory and Work-shop, rear No. 283 Abercrombie-street, Redfern. THIS DAY, TUESDAY, April 17th, at eleven o'clock. 150 Shts. Cor. Galvanised Roofing Iron, equal to new, 10 sheets 9 and 8 ft. lengths; worth buyers' attention; 5000ft. H'wood, from 30ft., in lots to suit, 6 x 2, 5 x 2, 4 x 2, and 3 x 1, worth inspection. Also, several good Girders and Stable Gates.
GEO. P. BAINES sells as above, THIS DAY, 17th.

To Poultry Farmers, Landlords, and Others.—WEDNESDAY, April 18th, at eleven o'clock. Bank-street, near Regent-street, Chippendale. Removed from Opera House. Large quantity assorted Building Materials, including 3000ft. 6 x 1 H'wood Flooring and Long lengths of 3 x 2 and 4 x 2, all sound timbers, &c., &c.
GEO. P. BAINES sells without Reserve, April 18th.

THIS DAY, at 2. MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction, at Hay and George streets, Haymarket, Ladies and Gentlemen's New and Second-hand Clothing, Bed Linen, Furniture, Jewellery, and Sundries. No Reserve.

VALUABLE LIBRARY.

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION, at THE AUCTION ROOMS of LAWSON, CARO, AND CO., Limited, 128, 130 PITT-STREET (near King-street), on WEDNESDAY, 18th APRIL, at 11 a.m.
By order of the Trustees in the Estate of the LATE Dr. MAX, Professor of Foreign Languages, Sydney University.
RARE and VALUABLE LIBRARY, as catalogued, including about Two Hundred Lots of miscellaneous works.
LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Limited, JAMES R. LAWSON, AUCTIONEER, have been favoured with instructions to sell by auction, As above.
ON VIEW TUESDAY, 17th APRIL.

DULWICH HILL.
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION, on THURSDAY NEXT, APRIL 19, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.
UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM A. J. CORMAC, Esq.
At his Residence, MARRICKVILLE-ROAD, DULWICH HILL (opposite Shrublands).
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NO RESERVE.
LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Ltd., JAMES R. LAWSON, AUCTIONEER, have been favoured with instructions from A. J. CORMAC, Esq., to conduct the important sale by auction, at his residence, as above.
ON VIEW TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON, from 2.30 o'clock.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE AT THE ROOMS, 88 PITT-STREET. THIS DAY, 17th APRIL, at 11.30.
CHATSWOOD.—KINKORA, Cottage Residence, Albert-avenue and High-street, 7 rooms, kitchen, and all conveniences, land 50 x 150.
PETERSHAM.—Brick Cottage, WINDSOR-ROAD and Weston-street, 2 rooms and kitchen, land 17 x 150, close to Channel-street.
SURRY HILLS. Excellent Allotments, 15ft. to RESERVOIR-STREET, depth 141ft. extending to Rose-street, close to Riley-street.
BALMAIN. Business site, 33ft. to DARLING-STREET, depth through to Little Arthur-street.
PETERSHAM. Block of Land, 90ft. to Cook-street, depth about 99ft., lot 15, sec. 5, close to Parramatta-road.
MACDONALDTOWN.—MALCOLM ESTATE, lots 55-56, sec. E, ea. 20 x 100, opposite Public School.
GRANVILLE. BLAXCELL'S GRANT, lot 24, sec. 3, 50 x 180, Cleone-street.
FAIRFIELD.—AVENAL ESTATE, lots 60-61, sec. 14, 50 x 125, Cardwell-street.
SHERWOOD.—SHERWIN'S GRANT, lots 4-7, sec. 11, 80 x 132, Fairfield-road and West-street.
KINGSWOOD. CAMBRIDGE PARK ESTATE, lot 80, 5 acres, Cambridge-road.
SOUTH WATERLOO.—HATFIELD'S GRANT, lots 15-16, sec. 1, 60ft. to Macintosh-street, depth 2..ft.
CANTERBURY.—ROSEDALE ESTATE, lots 12 and 14, sec. F, Wind...-avenue, 66 x 150.
SMITHFIELD.—AVENAL ESTATE, lots 41 to 47, 48 to 54, sec. 4, 175ft. Malabar-street and The Avenue, 25ft. Hampton-road.
AUBURN.—AUBURN TOWNSHIP, lot 9, sec. 8, 40ft. Alfred street, depth 150ft., close to the station.
OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE'S RIGHT, TITLE, and INTEREST (if any) in an undivided one-half Share of an Allotment at Rozelle, LOT 7, BAYVIEW ESTATE.
Further particulars can be obtained on application to the Auctioneers, BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Limited.

ORDER OF SALE of SHARES and SUNDRY PROPERTIES, to be OFFERED by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the ROOMS, 133 PITT-STREET, at Half-past Eleven a.m. TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18th.
1 SHARE. Civil Service Society.
FORFEITED SHARES. SHOALHAVEN TERRACES Gold Dredging Company.
FORFEITED SHARES. GULGONG PHOENIX Gold Mining Company.
GOLDEN GROVE. 5 HOUSES, Nos. 317 to 325 ABERCROMBIE-STREET.
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DULWICH HILL. ALLOTMENT of LAND, fronting YULE-STREET.
ROCKDALE. 2 ALLOTMENTS fronting GIBBES-STREET.
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AT LADYSMITH.

BY OUR SPECIAL WAR CORRESPONDENT D. A. MACDONALD.

THE ENEMY ACTIVE.

SHELLING THE TOWN FROM END TO END.

DISEASES AMONGST STOCK.

NOTABLE SCOTTISH GATHERINGS.

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IX.

LADYSMITH, Dec. 8.

On December 1 we were again keenly on the look-out for the relieving column, for on the night before they had been again signalling us from the south by flashlight, and from the Gordons' camp all the messages were taken without difficulty. Whether the enemy realised that their opportunities for shelling Ladysmith were nearing an end or not they opened on us heavily early on Friday morning, picking the exposed southern end of the town, as usual, for the first few shells, and then searching it systematically from end to end. Before breakfast their shell fire had killed four men. Two of the Gordons were frightfully torn, while standing in their own lines, and a Cape boy of the artillery had both legs shot from under him a few minutes later. At the other end of the town a trooper of the Natal Mounted Rifles and his horse went down before a perfect smother of shell. A large splinter entered just under the unfortunate young fellow's right arm, and part of it protruded from beneath the left arm. The horse was raked from end to end, and absolutely smashed to pulp. No more demoralising instance of the effect of their heavy shrapnel could be given. Of late we have certainly paid for our immunity during the earlier half of the siege, and not a day passes without some deaths. For its best shelter during this trying time Ladysmith is indebted to Australia. Standing on a point above the town one notices squares of trees that far overtop the camel thorn, syringa, umtola, and carob bean which grow locally. They are Australian gums—most of them filled with the swinging cot nests of the weaver bird, and sheltering also hundreds of the volunteer tents. They have helped to improve the health of the town, also, though it is still something of a fever bed, and in common with hundreds of others, I have suffered during the last week with a kind of fever, which has made anything like active exertion almost impossible. One longs to be up in the clear air of the higher veldt again, even though it means exposure, cold nights, and long day marches.

A COUNTRY OF PLAGUES.

This civilised, long-settled Africa is still a country of plagues, and were it not that the farmer gets his land, as a rule, for 10s an acre, has no clearing to do, and pretty well escapes taxation, farming in Natal would be impossible. In addition to the horse sickness, most of his cattle are infected with pleuro-pneumonia, and occasionally swept clean away by rinderpest; his sheep are afflicted with blue tongue, and his fowls have some other horrible disease, so that the flocks of Angora goats which range the rocky hills seem to be the only really healthy stock. Thus it is that in the heart of a farming and pastoral district studded with agricultural societies and showgrounds, one finds Australian butter, meat, honey, cheese, and bread on the tables, side by side with Californian fruits, English hams, and other imported food products. Mealies are the staple crop, and their yields would be laughed at by our maize growers on the Snowy River. Saturday, December 2, has come. For a week the relief column has been in touch of us almost, but it comes no nearer. On Monday, when the news of the victory at Mooi River—which is Dutch for Nice River—came we said, "This is the beginning of the end." The worst is that the end begins so slowly. The impression now is that we shall be in this hen-coop for another 10 days. Amid all our tribulations the Scottish portion of the besieged garrison did not forget St. Andrew's night. At the Royal Hotel, temporarily reoccupied for the occasion, there was "a braw Scotch nicht" of a unique, even an abnormal character. It is probably the only great Scottish gathering recorded at which not a drop of whisky was obtainable. The toasts were drunk in brandy, in champagne while it lasted, in Cape drachinstein, and in Ladysmith gingerbeer, but in Scotia's drink not once. It was otherwise in the Gordon's lines, where for Auld Lang Syne the officers of the regiment, with Colonel Dick-Cunyngham in the chair, entertained their old colonel, Sir George White. The pipers marched round the table, played Highland airs, and there was much enthusiasm. The prevailing tone was that of the Scotch orator, who on a festive occasion began with "The man who would attempt to talk sense at a time like this would be a fool." A good many were surprised, though, at one assertion made by the commander-in-chief during the evening. "In spite of appearances," said Sir George White, "I do not believe that the enemy have deliberately fired a single gun at our hospital in the town-hall." "I don't agree with you, sir," said Captain Lambton, of the Powerful, with the freedom of opinion which prevails at social gatherings on St. Andrew's nights, and a storm of approval showed that very few acquiesced in the favourable view of the commanding officer. The evidence that the Boers deliberately fired upon the one building which with its tower stands up so defiantly in the centre of the town is so strong that they must either admit the odium or confess themselves shockingly poor gunners.

THE BRITISH SOLDIER'S FORTITUDE.

Men who have attended both sides say that, whatever may be their respective merits in action, the British soldier always shows more fortitude than the Boer when wounded. Many men of both sides have after a late action had to lie all night untended on the veldt, and by morning the Dutch have invariably quite broken down, while Tommy, even when hard hit, bears up wonderfully. For example, young Crickmore, of the N.M.R., who was killed yesterday, was a marvel of physical endurance. A boy of 19, he had hurried up from the Cape on the outbreak of hostilities to join his corps, and on this morning was riding up the street for a packet of cigarettes. The shell that killed him absolutely tore away one of his lungs, and his internal injuries were otherwise so frightful that, according to medical science, he should have been killed instantly; but he lived for hours, saw many of his comrades, laughingly expressed the conviction that in spite of it all he would get through, and then, in the height of good spirits, his head dropped over and he died. All the doctors declare they have never known such a case. After Tinta Inyoni a wounded man walked a mile to avoid falling into the hands of the Dutch, yet was dead before daybreak. The expedition with which the doctors work after a fight is marvellous. The chief runs his hands over each wounded man, pulls away the temporary dressings, and, if no extraction or amputation be necessary, calls up one of the young dressers, tells him in a few words what to do, and passes on to the next case. The dresser sets to work quietly, just as quietly the little Indian dhoolie-bearers are at his side with every instrument and bandage ready to his hand, as though the science of advanced surgery were one of their everyday accomplishments. I saw one of the infantry, who had a large bullet in his arm, beckoned to the operating-table. He had been chatting about the fight, and turned a little white when he saw the instruments. A mere whiff of chloroform was given him, and in a few minutes the operating surgeon was handing the big bullet over to the sufferer with "Keep that, my lad, to show to your family." The soldier stared at it, shook his head to dispel the fumes of ether, then, putting his good hand in his pocket, pulled out three sovereigns and some silver. "Thank God they didn't get that," he said, and he straightened himself up and went his way. Close by there was a little German prisoner crying. He had been wounded three times in the right arm, evidently with Maxim fire, but was quite convinced that the smut-nosed cockney who kept guard over him was responsible for his misfortunes. "He shot me," he whimpered, pointing to the stolid guard. "I didn't want to fight; I have no grudge against the English; but I was a burgher, and I had to go." It is always the same cry—duty, not inclination.

HORSES ON GUARD.

I have several times mentioned Dr. Hornabrook's name in these siege letters. Yesterday I heard with pleasure that he had been mentioned in despatches, and will probably receive some distinction in due course for his unique capture at Elands Laagte. In this case the official recognition was somewhat slow in coming; but careful inquiry has to be made in every such case, and it will be satisfactory to Australians that both their young doctors afield with the troops have won praise from a man so familiar with deeds of daring as Sir George White. Both of them are keen to have a run over to Australia, and all three of us are hoping, at any rate, to see the next Easter encampment at Langwarrin or the Heads. I met another Melbourne man, a Captain Clarke, who had a nerve-trying experience some few nights ago. He was on outpost duty on a very dark night, and got separated from his men. Finding himself at one of the railway bridges, he met several Kaffirs, who assured him that mounted Boers were close up to him. Captain Clarke, who has lived much of his life in the saddle, was more disposed to trust to his horse than to the scared Kaffirs, and when he saw his charger suddenly raise his head and prick his ears forward he knew there was something in it. Soon he heard the clatter of hoofs in the scrub near him, but dared not fire lest they should be his own men; so there was nothing for it but to wait quietly and take his chance, holding his horse by the nose in the meantime to prevent him neighing. Repeatedly during this siege the horses have been the first at night to warn our outposts that the Boers are on the move. In this respect their keen sense of smell and hearing, if not their intelligence, has proved valuable.

ENCOURAGING NEWS.

It is a week since the relief column—or the reinforcements, as the military authorities prefer to call them—entered Frere, 24 miles away, after beating the Boers at the Mooi River. For days we spoke to them by heliograph, and from the round shoulder of a hill away to the south the sun instrument still winks at us through the haze. On Sunday it was never idle, and the communication was so complete that the general decided that next day each war correspondent should be allowed to send 30 words by heliograph to his paper—all the official messages, including particulars of the casualties, having by that time got through; but, to the mortification of all, when our morning shell woke us a little after 5 on Monday there was a dead grey sky and light rains. The chance had gone for a time. Then came the news from an unquestionable source that General Buller was in Maritzburg, and that, so far from being a lone little band cast away in the wilderness, we had become the centre of interest. Coincident with this came also the gratifying news that Lord Methuen had three times beaten the Boers over Kimberley way. It had been a gloomy garrison that rushed for shelter when the first shell came that Monday morning, but by breakfast time everyone was in splendid spirits, and the most truculent of the civilians wanted to go up on the ridges and shoot something. The full text of this message, which sent the spirits of the depressed garrison bubbling up like the mercury in a Christmas barometer, was as follows:—"Sir Redvers Buller was at Maritzburg on the 29th ultimo. Sir George White has much pleasure in publishing the following extract from a despatch of that date received this morning by runner:—'Methuen is at Modder River en route for Kimberley, having defeated the enemy in three battles, in the last of which they were 8000 strong, and entrenched, under command of Cronje. Adverting to affairs in Europe, no chance of intervention.'"

THE WHOLE FORCE ASTIR.

During the past week the movements of our own troops had been most puzzling. All day they were lying perdu, ready only to resist a Boer advance on the town if it were attempted, and replying only at rare intervals to their ever-roaring artillery. But as soon as the darkness covered our movements the whole force was astir, and the different corps mustered silently at given stations, all in flying order. This really means fighting order, with saddles stripped of blankets and all the impedimenta that men carry on the march. There is nothing in war so impressive as these night movements. The order had been given that all lights should be out on the ringing of the town bell at half-past 8—this with the double object of not confusing the flashlight signalling, and giving the enemy no guide as to the movements of the troops. The inference to be drawn from these nightly parades of the troops was that Sir George White anticipated two possibilities, and was equally ready for both, viz., a desperate midnight rush by the enemy to get possession of Ladysmith before relief came, or an equally sudden effort by General Clery to effect a junction. The streets were literally lined with men, the cavalry and mounted infantry sitting on the ground at their horses' heads. It was a remarkable bit of quiet organisation—nothing seen but the flicker of a match as a soldier lit his pipe; nothing heard but the occasional clank of a bit, the stamp of a hoof, the flutter of bat wings, or the calling of a veldt plover high in the air. Thus they waited until midnight, and then began to move back to their lines again. The horses were too well-behaved even to neigh, and we who watched everything spoke to each other in whispers, without quite knowing why we did it. It was the natural consequence of the silent, stealthy preparation, the self-contained, subdued power which might at any moment flame out into death, destruction, and the soul-suppressing din of a night conflict. At no time, I think, are the soldier's nerves so tried as when thus waiting in the darkness for the unknown—and at no other time is he so much admired.

THE LATE COLONEL CUNYNGHAM.

The Gordons had a great morning on St. Andrew's Day, when their Colonel paid them a first visit since he was wounded at Elands Laagte. They had a hint of the visit, for the pipers first played the old Jacobite air, "Will ye no' come back again." Then there was a rush of men from the tents, some only half-dressed, and seven pipers played Colonel Cunyngham in from the bridge. Such cheering, such beaming, boyish, joyous faces: no need to tell that the Colonel of the Gordons is the father of the regiment, and loved by every man. He had still his arm in a sling, and walked very slowly. [Colonel Cunyngham died in Ladysmith from wounds received in a sortie on January 6.] There is a story of a collector who observed, "After all, this war in the Transvaal will do some good. It means a new postage stamp for one thing." Curiously enough, in the midst of all the danger and excitement, those strange people who have a mania for postage stamps are already at work. The Boers have been using the Transvaal postage stamps in the Natal towns of which they have possession, and the desire is to get possession of those bearing the post-mark of such Natal post towns as Dundee, Glencoe, Newcastle, and Charlestown. A carefully-considered estimate made to-day shows that it takes about 320 Boer shells to kill a man, though, had their shrapnel served them at all truly, our death-roll would have been much heavier. Even with our few guns we have, at a moderate computation, killed ten to their one during the siege.

TASTING BILTONG.

To-day, for the first time, I tasted the biltong of which you have heard so much as furnishing the Boer fighter with his chief food supplies when on a campaign. It looks leathery and uninviting, but, if well made, is palatable, and even dainty, while its nourishing qualities are declared to be exceptionally high. It is not, as some may imagine, just a strip of sun-dried beef, but requires some skill in the cutting up. Commencing at the hock, they strip the meat away in natural rolls from the haunch, rarely using the knife; dry it in the sun during the day, and roll it at night in a green hide. It hardens so that, uncooked, it is best cut in thin layers with a carpenter's spoke-shave; but these layers make a perfect sandwich, and biltong made from the bluebuck especially is a great delicacy. The settlers of Natal when out on a game hunt invariably equip themselves with biltong, and I have met few who are not fond of it. With biltong, coffee, and flour, the Boer is not badly supplied, and Tommy Atkins, with his biscuit, tinned beef, and no beer, has little the best of the comparison.

KAFFIR PRONUNCIATION.

To-day we talked with a Kaffir scout who told us that Joubert had slept the night before at a Dutch farmhouse close up to our outposts, and might easily have been taken by a determined rush, the more easily in that there were 250 Carbineers within a mile of him, and this—the oldest force of volunteers in South Africa—has a good fighting record. Kaffir information is always doubtful, and even those fairly well acquainted with their language find a difficulty in locating the points named. We take the map names at sight, and give an English pronunciation, which is all Dutch to the Kaffir. Take some of the old battle grounds, for instance—Isandula, Ulundi (from which Archibald Forbes rode his famous ride), Ingogo (where Sir George Colley fought), or the name of the famous fighting Zulu chief Cetewayo. As nearly as one can give them phonetically in Kaffir they sound E-sand-il-wana, E-loon-dee, In-gaw-ka, and Tchwayo—the last beginning with a sort of sneeze. There are words and syllables in Kaffir—a click of the tongue—which no English letters can convey, hence the hopelessness of giving the natives map names.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

YESTERDAY'S CASES.

WORK IN THE QUARANTINED AREAS.

RAT-CATCHING OPERATIONS.

Yesterday's cases of bubonic plague numbered three—that is to say, three patients were ascertained to be suffering from the disease. The case reported from Goulburn on Sunday proved to be a genuine one, and the patient was brought by train to Sydney and taken to the Quarantine Hospital, where he now lies. With a view to carrying out his removal with the least fatigue to himself the train in which the patient travelled was taken to Darling Harbour, whither the quarantine launch was brought, and he was lifted direct from the carriage to the launch. The patient's name is Robert Stanley Wilberforce. He is a young man, and was inoculated, as stated in yesterday's "Herald," about a month ago. His attack is a light one, and it is not anticipated that he will remain long in the hospital. Other cases yesterday were Edward Powell, aged 50 years, who resided in the city, and Wan Hoong, a Chinese, who lived at Botany. In the last case there are four "contacts," all compatriots of the patient.

No deaths occurred yesterday from the disease.

The report from the Quarantine Hospital is of the usual tenor. All the old patients are doing well, and most of the new ones are bearing up against the disease in an encouraging manner. Two are, however, mentioned as not so well as before.

Recently the Mayor of Woollahra made certain statements respecting the cleanliness of the borough over which he presides, and the citizens' committee which was formed in that locality came in for a little criticism. Mr. E. Pulsford, M.L.C., wrote yesterday to Dr. Ashburton Thompson, president of the Board of Health, to some extent controverting the statements of the Mayor of the borough named. He says in his communication that two cases of plague have occurred on the Waverley-road within the last 10 days. One was on the Waverley side of the road, but the second was on the Woollahra side, and the policeman in charge at the rear of the premises where the last-named case occurred informed Mr. Pulsford that he has heard from several quarters that rats have been dying in that locality, not from the effects of poison, for several days past. The streets and lanes in the vicinity on the Woollahra side are, says Mr. Pulsford, very dirty, and since the outbreak not the least step seems to have been taken by the local authority. One lane is particularly mentioned as very bad. Mr. Pulsford says he has given this information at headquarters, as the Mayor of Woollahra has repudiated the citizens' committee. Dr. Ashburton Thompson proposes to make some inquiry into the allegations contained in the letter.

It is expected that the cleansing operations in the Belmore Park quarantined area of the city will conclude to-day about noon. The demolition of condemned houses in the area is completed, and the only thing remaining is for the rubbish to be placed in punts and conveyed out to sea. In the Druitt and Liverpool street area good progress has been made, and Mr. M'Credie expects that the upper portion will be ready for release in two days or thereabout. The lower portion will require a longer time, as there are many dwellings in that part. Some of them are said to be of an inferior class, and the opinion of a medical officer of health is to be taken with a view to their condemnation.

On Saturday last the work of filling in the vacant space behind the sheet piling of the wharfs was commenced, the stone used being taken from old buildings pulled down and from Glebe Island. At the Grafton wharf a large quantity of rubble has been placed in position, and the work will continue from day to day until completed. The top is to be of concrete; but none has yet been placed in position. Other wharfs will be treated in due course.

The rat-catching operations in the quarantined areas now employ about 20 men, who work under the instructions of an experienced rat-catcher. Saturday was the first day on which really earnest work was commenced, and about 90 rats were brought to the incinerator at the foot of Bathurst-street. The method is to set traps baited with a mixture supposed to be particularly toothsome to rats. These are left over night, and in the morning the captures are collected, killed, and their bodies taken to the incinerator. There is, however, hardly enough fire space in the present incinerator, and a new one will be procured. Yesterday's return of captures had not reached headquarters last night.

The members of the Medical Conference spent yesterday in visiting the bacteriological laboratory at the Board of Health offices, in going through the quarantined areas, and in making inquiries generally into the method of plague-fighting adopted here. They, however, express no opinion as to the utility or otherwise of the method. Most of them returned to Melbourne by last night's express, but one or two remain here to prosecute further inquiries.

The town clerk of Darlington writes, stating that the address published of a deceased patient is not correct. The address was given as Darlington, but the town clerk says it is actually some distance within the city boundary, and not in the borough of Darlington.

A correspondent, "A. C. B.," writes, asking why portion of Erskine-street is kept in quarantine long after every house in the thoroughfare has been declared cleansed. He also points out that the business people in that street depend in a great measure for their livelihood on the traffic created by the Balmain and other ferries which have their city terminus there, and complains of undue delay in reopening the wharfs for traffic. He says: "The area has been cleansed, yet the street is not opened for traffic, and we, through no fault of our own, are being ruined, our trade driven away, never, I fear, to return. The Health Board (who are doing most excellent work) must surely in their great press of work have overlooked this most important, and to us most serious, matter, or ere this would have removed the barriers, so that the ferries might ply as usual. By opening this street a great boon will be conferred on the thousands of those whose avocations require it, and who are at present compelled to make a longer journey night and morning, thus making a serious inroad on their time and denying many the pleasure of a home lunch, to say nothing of the extra expense."

LIFE HISTORY OF THE PLAGUE BACILLUS.

EFFECTS OF CULTURE ON FORM.

Dr. W. Ramsay Smith, President of the Central Board of Health of South Australia, has supplied us with the following remarks on his researches into the forms and life history of the bacillus of bubonic plague. He writes:—

With the other delegates to the conference I have had an opportunity of examining the cultures and microscopic specimens of plague bacilli at the Sydney Public Health Laboratory. I have also examined the series of preparations, cultures, and specimens of the bacilli found in the Melbourne rats that died from plague. These have been investigated by bacteriologists in Melbourne in a very thorough manner, and when the series has been worked up the results will undoubtedly form a substantial addition to the bacteriology of plague. I have given to the Melbourne investigators cultures and specimens which the Adelaide investigators have prepared from the cases of plague in human beings, rats, guinea pigs, and mice. There is a distinct advantage in comparing specimens from various sources in such an outbreak of plague as the colonies are dealing with at the present moment, because in a new soil and under new conditions there is no saying what particular modifications the disease or the bacillus may exhibit. So much is this the case that a bacteriologist investigating plague for the first time under such new conditions might not only feel great diffidence in submitting some of his microbes as plague bacilli, but might even be led to believe that from the variety of forms encountered in his investigations he had gone off the rails altogether. It has been a source of great instruction and satisfaction to me to compare results, especially as the Melbourne specimens have all been derived from rats, while the Adelaide specimens have been derived from the human subject and rats, and have been cultivated in all sorts of media and inoculated into other animals.

The chief feature presented by the whole series of specimens is the extensive pleomorphism of the bacillus. The ordinary form of the bacillus is a small micro-organism which grows on particular culture media in certain definite ways, and stains in microscopic preparations after a more or less characteristic fashion. Every bacteriologist is familiar with such typical appearances, just as every clinical worker is familiar with the ordinary types of plague—bubonic, pneumonic, and typhoid. But not every one is conversant with abnormal and pleomorphic types of the bacillus, or with atypical and obscure forms of the disease. The first problem that presents itself to the popular mind, if not to the scientific investigator, is whether particular abnormal forms of the microbe have any definite relation to special atypical forms of the disease. To the biologist, there is the further problem of investigating the life history of the bacillus in all its phases and determining the various forms assumed and activities exhibited by the microbe.

Up to recent times Koch's influence on biological study has been felt too exclusively, and the doctrine of constant forms and specific activities has been the means of closing the avenues to much original investigation. Now, however, owing to the numerous researches and the powerful influence, especially of the school of Hueppe, the old doctrine of the variability of forms and activities has been revived, and the way opened to much useful research into subjects that were thought to have attained finality of investigation. At the present moment I am not prepared to give details of the forms and activities of the plague microbe; but I may say in general terms that recent investigation by Adelaide workers has shown that this particular bacillus is one of the most variable and pleomorphic in the whole series of disease-producing germs.

For instance, a common form of bacillus occurs in rats dying from plague, viz., a long straight rod, sometimes divided into two and presenting the appearance of a capsule. This is quite unlike the ordinary bacillus. The same form, however, has been found in the liver of a man dying from plague, whose blood and spleen exhibited the typical bipolar form. Further, a culture prepared from the long form and injected into a guinea pig or mouse will produce symptoms of plague, and when the animal dies the typical bipolar bacillus may be found in all its organs. In such ways as these almost every variety of microbe found in the various organs of rats, mice, and human beings has been found interchangeable with other varieties, and such varieties are very numerous indeed. As regards the life history, this matter is still under investigation. The most that can be said at the present moment is that it is very likely that the plague bacillus will be proved to be a stage in the life-history of another micro-organism, probably a yeast.

RAT-POISONING AT WOOLLAHRA.

Alderman W. F. Latimer (Mayor of Woollahra), with a view of doing everything that is possible to prevent the spread of the plague in the borough, has arranged for the five local sanitary inspectors to continue in their duties during the whole of the Easter holidays, as he realises that the urgency of the case demanded the greatest promptitude and care. The report of the first case of plague within the boundaries of the borough, although on the outskirts, is, in his opinion, a matter that would not permit of any slothfulness. When seen by a "Herald" reporter yesterday, the Mayor said he had obtained a supply of "rat poison" from the Government stores for distribution amongst the residents, but, he added, he intended to exercise the greatest caution in its distribution. The poison would only be given by the officers of the council to responsible householders, who would be required to sign for same in the presence of a witness. The Mayor assured the reporter that the greatest diligence was being carried out in all parts of the borough, and any laxity on the part of either the owners or occupiers of unhealthy or unclean premises would not be spared, as the council's bylaws were most severe in such cases.

PRECAUTIONS AT PADDINGTON.

Alderman A. Pointing (Mayor of Paddington), in an interview with a "Herald" reporter, said since the outbreak of the plague in the borough every effort had been made by the local council to check the spread of the disease in their midst. Additional sanitary inspectors had been appointed to assist the local health officer in his duties. A very large quantity of disinfectants had been distributed to the poorer residents, as well as being used by the council in the streets and drains. A quantity of "rat poison" was also being obtained from the Government stores to be distributed to householders, with which it was anticipated numerous rats would be destroyed, and by this means it was hoped that the chances of the disease spreading would be reduced to a minimum.

THE PLAGUE AT NOUMEA.

According to information supplied to the Premier by the Consul-General for France the quarantine at Noumea has been abolished for some time, but, nevertheless, there are a few cases of plague still there, and also a few cases on the East Coast.

A CASE AT GOULBURN.

THE PATIENT BROUGHT TO SYDNEY.

GOULBURN, Monday.

Dr. Armstrong, of Sydney, on seeing the patient Wilberforce pronounced the case to be plague. The Mayor yesterday, after consulting with the Government medical officer, ordered a special train to convey the patient to Sydney. The train left at 8 o'clock this morning. The patient was accompanied by his brother and the nurse who came from Sydney. Dr. Armstrong pronounced the case a mild one and was of opinion that the patient would bear removal. Eight contacts, consisting of a man, his wife and six children, remain in the house, which will be kept under quarantine regulations.

PRECAUTIONS IN OTHER COLONIES.

OPINION OF THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT.

REFUSAL TO CLOSE PORTS.

AUCKLAND, Monday.

In answer to a communication from the Auckland City Council urging the closing of the port of Auckland against all shipping from Sydney, Mr. J. G. Ward, Colonial Secretary, says that the proposal is of such a nature that he could not authorise it without the strongest evidence that it is the only means by which the remedy sought for can be obtained. He states that he has been advised that isolation by quarantine, fumigation, and strict preventives against the landing of rats are thoroughly effective, and he also points out that if the course of closing the port entirely against vessels from one colony were adopted, and the plague broke out in other colonies, the same course would have to be adopted, which would be fraught with disastrous results.

WOOLLAHRA COUNCIL AND THE SO-CALLED SANITARY COMMITTEE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of to-day (Saturday) I notice a letter re the above written by Mr. Edward Pulsford. I have had a strong impression that the committee in question was mainly Mr. Pulsford. I am convinced of it now, as he writes in that capacity, not as chairman, president, or secretary, or as vice-president, but as "the committee." I would not trouble to reply were it not for the office I hold and that I think the public in Woollahra should know the "whole" truth. He says the letter which appeared in the "Herald" to-day from the Mayor of Woollahra will serve a useful purpose in drawing attention to the relation between official and non-official effort in regard to the plague. I agree with him. The correspondence so far shows that the council and its officers are doing their work thoroughly, and also that the committee in question are working equally hard to claim the kudos. Again the letter states: "This makes it quite clear that the Mayor objects to the existence and the 'work' of the committee." Of the existence I do not complain; of the work I have no knowledge.

Again "He (the Mayor) does this in spite of the fact that both the Premier and the chief health officer have repeatedly called on private people to do all they can to stamp out the plague." This request for individual effort is urgently and persistently made every day and all day by myself and the council's officers. How can I then be in opposition to what the Government and the Department of Public Health think to be needful. Not wishing to trespass on your space, I now pass over the precis of correspondence quoted by Mr. Pulsford. He states:—"I submit that under the very special circumstances existing, when medical men, like Dr. Quaife and Dr. Collins take part in a movement," &c.

I may state that I hold both of these gentlemen in the very highest esteem, and, I may add, I am confident were either of them aware of any nuisance existing in Woollahra they would at once communicate with the legally constituted local authority and have it removed at once; in fact, it was so stated by one of the gentlemen named at one of the meetings of the committee.

The letter goes on thus:—"A few words as to the existing state of things. It was shown on March 29 that in May, 1898, there were 100 stables in the municipality not connected with the drainage system, and that 68 of these still remain unconnected." That such is the case I admit, but it will not be my fault, as Mayor, if the matter be not speedily remedied, and without outside intervention.

"It was further admitted that the inspector of nuisances had since the outbreak of the plague been taken from his own special work for some days delivering assessment notices." But Mr. Pulsford omits to state that I said at that meeting that the inspection of premises did not stop because the inspector was delivering assessment notices. The same house to house inspection was carried on simultaneously, and the work of disinfecting drains and sinks carried on at the same time, as the council's inspector had at that time two men assisting him in the work.

I might state that on March 12 the work of disinfection commenced, and between that date and the 29th a sink in Mr. Pulsford's own yard was cleaned out and disinfected by the council's inspector—that is, seven clear days before "the committee" saw the light; and yet on March 31 the committee suggest this work ought to be done.

"The Mayor says: 'In no single instance has this self-appointed sanitary committee been able to report the existence of a nuisance in Woollahra.'" Well, in that instance I made a pardonable error, because I was not then convinced that Mr. Pulsford was the committee. That gentleman had, at the time of my writing reported the discovery of two dead rats, one reported at midday in a lane used daily by Mr. Pulsford on his way to and from the tramway, the second was reported at 6.30 p.m. as being in Queen-street, also on his way home, a third was reported as being in the lane above referred to. This shows how far at least one member of the committee had gone afield in the work of inspection. The letter goes on, "Well, I suppose at present there is no greater nuisance than a dead rat." In that opinion I beg to differ with the writer.

"'Woollahra would long ago have paid a capitation fee for the destruction of rats,' says Mr. Latimer, 'but could not see its way to pay for rats caught all over the city.' I ask that this statement may be read in conjunction with the fact that the sanitary committee has by resolution sent to the council, urged the holding of a conference of the Mayors of the whole of the municipalities, especially to consider the necessity for action of a uniform character in regard to rat destruction." I am unaware of the existence of such a suggestion, and it is not quoted in the correspondence above referred to. If it does exist it does not mention "a capitation fee," and I repeat that is the only method that will be found satisfactory in connection with rat destruction. On the evening of March 27, when Mr. Pulsford called on me and invited me to join the committee about to be formed that evening, I said, "It seems to me what you are about to do is a censure on the work of the council," and that I would not attend. This fact was apparently not stated to those who formed the committee that evening. While speaking to Mr. Pulsford on that occasion I persuaded him to look at the business paper for our special meeting to be held on the 29th. I could have also shown him the Mayors minute, in which I asked for the appointment of four sanitary sub-inspectors. So much for the idea that their appointment was affected by the calling into existence of the committee.

"Most people are the better for having some little check on them." Perhaps so, but I deny that the action of the Woollahra Council has been influenced in any way by the existence of any self-appointed body.

In conclusion, I state fearlessly that the municipal administration of Woollahra is at present in the hands of those who know their work, and do it, and who, with the assistance they have provided, they are fully equal to the task of successfully combating even the plague.

I am, &c., W. F. LATIMER, Mayor of Woollahra.
April 14.

THE KERNEL OF THE TIMES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The serious state of affairs in the metropolis is my apology for this short letter. The time has come for a temporary cessation of appeals on behalf of the noble Patriotic and Bush Contingent Funds. After the needs of the families of the heroes of this colony who have sacrificed their lives or been disabled on South African battlefields have been in a measure indemnified—a grateful acknowledgment for defending British supremacy—it is a public duty and necessity that all hearts and minds should now be centred upon the dire results of the plague in our midst. The victims of the war in the Transvaal and its consequences are fortunately few when compared with the mortality, widespread sorrow, untold distress, and harassing incertitude begotten of the pestilential calamity that has invaded the great centre of commerce in Australia. All praise to the Government, the City Council, the Board of Health, the press, and the public-spirited citizens who are unitedly striving bravely and disinterestedly to battle with the enemy, pregnant with evil, that threatens the vital interests of this colony. The assurance on the part of the public that the like generous and noble enthusiasm that animated and energised the flood-tide of willing subscriptions at the Empire's call shall not be wanting to meet the wants of home afflictions will greatly tend to relieve anxieties and maintain brave hearts in successfully combating past and impending calamities from our actual present foe, the plague.

I am, &c., "NOT A.M.B."
April 14.

NEWCASTLE.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF GOOD TEMPLARS.

ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

NEWCASTLE, Monday.

The twenty-seventh annual general session of the New South Wales Grand Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars was opened in the Masonic Hall this morning, and will be continued for several days. The chair was occupied by Mr. R. Campbell, jun., Grand Chief Templar, and the following officers were in attendance:—Messrs. J. B. Mercer, Grand Vice-Templar; J. Sims, Grand Secretary; G. D. Clarke, Grand Electoral Secretary; W. J. Green, Grand Marshal; Mrs. Young, Grand Deputy Marshal; A. R. Buckland, Grand Treasurer; G. Hunter, Grand Superintendent of Juvenile Templars; and A. Gow, Deputy Right Worthy Grand Templar. The following were appointed by the Grand Chief Templar to temporarily act in place of absent officers:—Messrs. Batsup (assistant grand secretary), W. Dennett (grand sentry), J. Downey (grand guard), and R. Yuill (grand chaplain). The delegates, representatives, and past representatives from all parts of the colony numbered over 100, and the Grand Lodge degree was conferred upon 30 delegates. There were three sittings—morning, afternoon, and evening—and the business of the Grand Lodge was conducted with closed doors.

The annual report of the Grand Chief Templar stated that for the first time for many years the returns showed that the order was on the up grade. The jurisdiction had been honoured during the past year by a visit from the supreme head of the order, Councillor Malins, R.W.G.T., and although his meetings were not so large as they should have been this was more than counterbalanced by the great publicity given by exhaustive reports in the metropolitan and country newspapers. There had been a considerable amount of mission work in the country during the past year, and many of the officers had travelled long distances without any cost to the order. There were many districts in which lodges could be opened and old ones strengthened if the order had the means to pay a lecturer; but their first duty was to pay their debts. When this was accomplished it would be advisable to procure a man from outside the colonies. Since the last annual session Bro. J. L. Fegan, G. councillor, had been honoured by being elevated to the responsible position of Minister of Mines and Agriculture. The executive anticipating the wishes of the Grand Lodge had congratulated him on behalf of the order. It was exceedingly gratifying to the membership that with a reduced capita tax, and for the first time for many years without the usual monetary appeals to members, the grand secretary had so financed the working of the order that the liabilities had been further reduced.

The report of the grand superintendent of the Juvenile Templars stated that it was to be regretted that in a great many cases members of adult lodges did not display that interest in Juvenile Templars which was expected of them, as the continued success of the order would depend upon the training of the young.

The grand secretary's annual report stated that for the past 26 years the Grand Lodge had held its annual session in Sydney, but last year, by a large majority, it was determined that the twenty-seventh annual session should be held in the interesting and busy city of Newcastle. During the period of eight years, from 1892 to 1899 inclusive, there had been an annual leakage in membership. The loss of members aggregating 8532, as follows:—Year 1892, loss 947 members; 1893, loss 1606 members; 1894, loss 407 members; 1895, loss 2508 members; 1896, loss 1041 members; 1897, loss 1383 members; 1898, loss 456 members; 1899, loss 184 members. There had, however, been a remarkable and welcome change in the present year, the membership roll showing an increase on the previous year of 101. It was no wonder that members of the order were becoming despondent at seeing such heavy losses as stated; but it was to be hoped that the leakage was now a thing of the past, and that the order would soon regain the high and influential position it once held. The good results of last year, to which Bro. Malins contributed largely by his magnetic influence during his visit, could be repeated if members worked harmoniously together. The liabilities of the order, which last year stood at £261 19s 6d, had been reduced to £244 15s 8d, and since had been further reduced by £33 17s. This had been accomplished by a loss of revenue of the large sum of £222 8s. Such a loss of revenue compelled the most rigid economy and exercise of sound judgment by the executive in the expenditure. The recommendation made at last Grand Lodge session to reduce the bank overdraft to below £100 had been carried into effect. Efforts were being made to raise a twentieth century fund of £1000, which would enable the Grand Lodge to undertake vigorous mission work.

The Grand Electoral Superintendent's report stated that, unfortunately, nothing of an exceptional character had taken place in connection with the temperance politics, and as a consequence the work of the Electoral Department had been chiefly confined to the Licensing Courts in opposing applications for additional licenses. Early in February last the usual triennial local option vote was taken in suburban and country municipalities. In almost all municipalities the poll was against increase and removal of publicans' licenses, but in a large number of places only a few votes were recorded.

The whole of the reports were unanimously adopted.

The capita tax for the current year was fixed at 6d per male member per quarter and 4d per female member per quarter, and a resolution was carried authorising the Grand Lodge executive to engage a lecturer.

The session will be resumed to-morrow.

THE INFANTRY ENCAMPMENT.

TACTICAL MANŒUVRING.

The 10 companies of the 4th Infantry Regiment, 600 strong, now encamped at Newcastle racecourse, experienced a heavy day's work to-day, and were exercised in tactical manœuvring. The regiment, immediately after early coffee at 6 a.m., was paraded ready to move out of camp. The scheme, which had been drafted by the Commandant, Lieutenant-Colonel Rancland, was to divide the regiment into four columns, and feel for an enemy over a piece of country immediately to the south of the camp, and about three-quarters of a mile in breadth by about two miles in depth, which brought the troops at the end of the movement to Jurd's farm, near the old Burwood smelting works, where it was arranged they should concentrate for breakfast.

The regiment left camp at 7 o'clock. The right-hand column, commanded by Major Burnage, proceeded up what is locally known as Drag Hill, the old road from Glebe to Lake Macquarie. The second column, which was the directing column, under Major Waddy, moved up Cronin's Hill; the third column, in command of Lieutenant Donaldson, moved up the spur of Merewether Hill, and the extreme left column, under Captain Scobie, moved along a route close to the cliffs near the Burwood Colliery. The whole force was under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Rancland, Commandant of the northern district military forces, who, accompanied by his officers, kept himself in direct communication with the whole of the columns. The directing column, under Major Waddy, by a series of signals regulated the pace and directed the movements of the whole force. Each column, it should be mentioned, was preceded by advance guards, which carried out the work of scouting in a very effective manner.

The Commandant had, unknown to any of the officers or men, ordered the Singleton company of the regiment to lay in ambush on the line of route, representing an enemy. This company, under Captain Langwill, had stolen out of camp at 5 a.m., and lay in ambush on a selected and suitable spot on the Old Lake-road at the top of the further drag hill. No special instructions or warning as to the necessity for increased watchfulness had been given to the column proceeding along the route, and although the ambush was cleverly concealed the advance guard of Major Burnage's column discovered the enemy, and drove them from their position. The enemy thereupon took up a second position, and fired a few shots at the column, but the position was such that no very serious damage could have been done. The Commandant expressed himself as highly pleased with the scouting work, the advance guard having proved itself active and efficient in ensuring the safety of the column which followed it.

After breakfast the whole battalion took up an outpost position extending over an area of about half a mile in extent along a ridge immediately behind Mr. Merewether's residence. At a given hour the force was attacked by an enemy represented by a line of flags, under a sergeant-major. The battalion was driven from its position into the main camp, a distance of about one mile. The retreating movement towards the camp showed the difficulty of concerted action on the part of a lengthy line through timbered country. Many mistakes were noted which subsequently formed the subject for discussion in the officers' mess this evening, and at a later stage during the continuance of the camp it will be sought to correct these errors by again taking the full force over the same piece of country. The main camp was reached by the retreating troops at noon, the manœuvres having occupied five hours.

A detachment of the Army Medical Corps, under Captain Beeston, accompanied the whole of the manœuvres out to Jurd's Farm, and had useful experience over extremely rough country. During the progress of the operations the corps was furnished with some supposed casualty cases, which were treated in a convenient spot selected in an abandoned quarry close to the scene of the manœuvres, but at the same time out of observation and protected from danger.

This afternoon silent drill in extended fighting formation was engaged in by the whole of the troops. A strong westerly wind prevailed throughout the afternoon, and advantage was taken of these conditions to illustrate the utility of the method of manœuvring by signals instead of by orders of command. The manœuvres were highly successful, and the Commandant states that he has every reason to be pleased with the movements of the troops under his command.

Whilst the troops were engaged in silent drill the visitors to the camp, numbering between 3000 and 4000, were entertained at a performance by the 4th Infantry Band, under Bandmaster Bentley, and an excellent programme was presented.

This evening lectures were delivered to the officers by Lieutenant-Colonel Rancland, and to the non-commissioned officers by Warrant-Officer Naghten. The work of the day was reviewed, errors were pointed out, and to-morrow's work was outlined.

THE ARTILLERY ENCAMPMENT.

COURSE OF TRAINING COMPLETED.

The No. 5 Company of New South Wales Artillery completed its course of nine days' continuous training at Fort Scratchley to-day. The volunteers, who number 100, were exercised in company drill during the early part of the morning under the drill instructors of the permanent forces. The remainder of the day was occupied in striking the camp, checking and returning stores, filling up the trenches, and various other duties incidental to the completion of a course of training. At the conclusion of this work the officers and men received their pay, a sum of about £400 being distributed. The troops, in command of Lieutenant-Colonel Kirkaldy and Captain Lyne, Lieutenants Stark, Roberts, and Short, and Captain Benn, of the Army Medical Corps, marched out of camp at 4.30 p.m., and upon arrival at the customs house were disbanded. Cheers were given for the Queen and officers of the company. The encampment appears to have had a most beneficial effect, and the whole of the men exhibit marked improvement both in drill and discipline.

An enjoyable open excursion to Port Stephens took place to-day. The steamer Namoi was despatched by the Newcastle and Hunter River Company, and was well patronised. The excursionists were landed for a couple of hours, and returned to the city at 7 o'clock.

A boy named William John Pallister was drowned in an open underground tank at West Wallsend this afternoon. It appears that the deceased was in the act of walking along a plank placed over a well when he overbalanced and fell into deep water.

Numerous attractions were provided for to-day's holiday. The two military encampments were visited by large numbers of holiday makers, and there was a good attendance at the Wallsend races. Many ocean, harbour, and river excursions took place, all of which were well patronised.

The steamer Gulf of Siam sailed for South Africa, via Sydney, to-day with 250 quarters of beef and 925 carcases of mutton.

The Victoria Theatre was crowded to-night, when Mr. Charles Holloway's Company repeated "A Soldier and a Man."

At Hamilton Sacred Heart Church this evening a military fair was opened by Mrs. J. L. Fegan.

A WRETCHED AND HOPELESS EXISTENCE.
HEALTH FULLY RESTORED.
THE CASE OF MRS. ELIZABETH MITCHELL.
(From the Windsor, N.S.W., "Australian.")
(By our Special Reporter.)
News was brought to the office that Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell, of March-street, Richmond, N.S.W., had been afflicted with dropsy and accessory symptoms, and had recovered in a manner that was as remarkable as complete. In consequence, a reporter was instructed to make the closest inquiries and elicit the full details of the case.
Mrs. Mitchell kindly volunteered to furnish the fullest details.
"I found myself gradually losing my health," said that lady. "I felt heavy and dispirited, and my head always ached. Pains between the shoulders made themselves felt, and a sharp, alarming pain in the side racked me suddenly now and then."
"From what did this pain in the side arise?"
"The doctor said it was from my heart, and indeed my heart often used to flutter strangely, and sometimes I should go quite faint, and would nearly lose consciousness altogether. The rest I obtained at night was so disturbed and deficient, and I was so weak and fagged in the day time that I couldn't get through my work. Indeed, sometimes I should be so sick and faint that I was forced to go to bed in the middle of the day."
"What else, Mrs. Mitchell?"
"My legs began to swell. Sometimes the swelling would extend to my foot, and I was not able to get on my shoes. Sometimes my legs would get gradually larger for days, and then they would decrease in size for a time, leading me to believe that I was getting better; but the hope was always disappointed, for, after a short respite, they would commence to swell again."
"What was the swelling like?"
"The skin was of a whitish colour, and when a finger was pressed on the place it would leave the mark for a long while. When my legs were very bad it was very painful to walk, and I often had to lie up from from this cause."
"How was the appetite?"
"Very bad; just a little light food and a cup of tea three times a day; not nearly enough to keep up my strength to fight against my complaint."
"Well, how did you get on?"
"Got worse all the time. I could see I was going down hill and getting weaker every day. I was dragging out a wretched and hopeless existence, when I heard that one of my relatives, who was very ill, was obtaining great benefit from the use of Clements Tonic, and I at once obtained some."
"Any distinct effects?"
"Yes upon my heart. Clements Tonic certainly steadied the heart's action, for my heart gathered strength every day, and I was troubled no more with that feeling of faintness. Then I noticed, with a great deal of satisfaction, that the swelling in my legs was gradually decreasing, and showed no signs of growing up large again. The flesh was firmer, too, and had a healthier appearance. I kept taking Clements Tonic, and I gradually got rid of the swelling altogether, and my legs became as strong and healthy as my arms."
"How about your general health?"
"Oh, Clements Tonic did me good all over. I could get my rest at nights, now, and come to my meals with an appetite, and I was soon rid of the various ailments that had accompanied my dropsy."
"I presume I have your consent to publish this?"
"Oh, yes, certainly."
STATUTORY DECLARATION.
I, Elizabeth Mitchell, of March-street, Richmond, in the colony of New South Wales, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, consisting of six folios, and consecutively numbered from one to six, and that it contains and is a true and faithful account of my illness and cure by Clements Tonic, and also contains my full permission to publish the same in any way; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in the various departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."
ELIZABETH MITCHELL.
Declared at Richmond this 29th day of July, 1898, before me,
W. SULLIVAN, J.P.
CLEMENTS TONIC has a record of cures none can rival. Hundreds of base substitutes come on the market, the plausible advertising resorted to attracts the attention of the thoughtless and unwary, and they have a sale for a year or two till they are found out. For a medicine to remain popular for the number of years Clements Tonic has, it must have exceptional merit. The Australian public is too well educated and too discriminating to be gulled for long even by clever, if false advertisements, and that is the reason all the quack nostrums run to the length of their tether in less than four years in this country. Clements Tonic has been the leader for ten.—Advt.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—April 16.

Aramac, s., 2214 tons, Captain J. E. Butcher, from Melbourne. Passengers—Mesdames Burton, Steward and maid and child, Connelly, J. Booth, Trawbert, Misses Lamont, K. Fox, Eldsdon, Ferguson, Whitmore, Douglas, T. Unwald, Messrs. W. E. Pratt, J. Whitehouse, Milburn, C. Whitehead, D. Harris, B. T. Belton, J. 14 more, J. A. M'Cathie, G. Stewart, H. O. Chugey, A. Johnstone, A. E. Goldsworthy, J. Whitehorse, G. Frecker, F. J. Llewellyn, Rice, and 34 in the second cabin. For Queensland ports: Mesdames Cole and family, O. Pasquill, Norton and son, Bryce, Fox, Philo, Ra den, Geraud, Misses Winter, Norton, Evans, Pasquill, Mitchell, Nottingham, Messrs. Cole, Gerand, Lang, Mitchell, Jacomb, and 34 in the second cabin. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Coraki, s., 498 tons, Captain S. Boulden, from Manning River April 15. Passengers—Mesdames Brumm, Milligan, Maxwell, Misses Dunk, M'Dougall, Eggins, Hall, Nolan, Rutledge, Bloomfield, M. A. Rutledge, Messrs. D. Thomson, S. Jones, Franklin, Cave, N. Blackburn, R. Estens, E. Rivett, Armstrong, A. Brown, A. Brown, jun., S. Basser, Gyler, Maxwell, Creegan, Walsh, Master Makinson, and 4 in the second cabin. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Konoowarra, s., 2073 tons, Captain W. Hammer, from Brisbane April 14. Passengers—Miss Gray, Miss Ross, Miss Nansen, Mrs. Cooper and child, Captain Richards, Mr. Willman, Mr. Schotend, Mr. Taylor, and 15 in the steerage. William Howard Smith and Sons, Limited, agents.

Gabo, s., 2060 tons, Captain L. A. Leslie, from Melbourne. Passengers—Mrs. Findlater, Miss Freeman, Miss Hope, Miss Nolan, Captain Beale, Mr. Hancock, Mr. W. Griffiths, Mr. A. Galloway, and 11 in the steerage. W. Howard Smith and Sons, Limited, agents.

Tambo, s., 732 tons, Captain W. J. Wyllie, from Hobart April 13. Passengers—Mrs. Benjamin, Misses Benjamin, Mangen, Wallace, J. Crick, Messrs. M'Kinnon, Montgomery, Knight, Huxtable, E. M'Kinnon, J. Montgomery, and 4 in the steerage. Huddart, Parker, and Co., Limited, agents.

Excelsior, s., 301 tons, Captain J. H. Hunter, from Byron Bay, Woolgoolga, and Coff's Harbour. Passengers—Mrs. O'Connor and 2 children, Messrs. Watkin, Harrison, Carroll, Bird. G. W. Nicoll, agent.

Gulf of Siam, s., 3433 tons, Captain Sanderson, from Gladstone, via Newcastle. W. and A. M'Arthur, Limited, agents.

Sydney, s., 684 tons, Captain Walker, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S. S. Company, Limited, agents.

Moonta, s., 2287 tons, Captain A. Paul, from Edithburg. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Peterborough, s., 150 tons, Captain J. Wilson, from South Coast ports. J. Aubin, agent.

Pomoana, barque, 1209 tons, Captain Noble, from New York January 15. Briscoe, Drysdale, and Co., agents.

Illawarra, s., 522 tons, Captain Garde, from South Coast. Illawarra S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Strathdon, barque, 2098 tons, Captain Walker, from Liverpool January 20. Briscoe, Drysdale, and Co., agents.

Murray, s., 144 tons, Captain Elliott, from Moruya. Alex. Kethel, agent.

Easby, s., 1449 tons, Captain W. Wallace, from Devonport. Alexander Kethel, agent.

Allowrie, s., 504 tons, Captain Walker, from Southern ports. Illawarra S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Coomonderry, s., 117 tons, Captain Canty, from South Coast ports. J. Aubin, agent.

DEPARTURES.—April 16.

Australien, s., for Marseilles and ports.
Zealandia, s., for Newcastle.
Thalatta, ship, for San Francisco.

IMPORTS.—April 16.

(A special charge is made for consignees' notices under this heading.)

Pomoana, barque, from New York: 17,000 cases kerosene, 8 cases axes, 6 cases bolts, 20 barrels cod oil, 225 cases chair stuff, 113 cases grape sugar, 5 cases glassware, 46 packages hardware, 47 packages handles, 40 cases medicine, 2 cases metre boxes, 21 cases naptha, 440 packages nails, 200 rolls paper, 148 bales paper, 402 tons pig iron, 5 cases picks, 1 case platedware, 1 case rattan goods, 12 cases shovels, 1 case seats, 150 cases soap, 40 cases plug tobacco, 2 cases traps, 2000 bundles wire, 200 rolls wire, 17 packages woodenware, 50 bundles washboards, 10 crates wheels.

Tambo, s., from Hobart: 1 horse, 100 cases evaporated fruit, 30 cases sauce, 20 cases canned fruit, 2 packages printing matter, 7 bales skins, 4 bales wool, 120 bags ground bark, 500 empty bags, 8 packages merchandise, 161 bales hops, 87 pockets hops, 10,006 cases fruit, 1509 half-cases fruit, and 1950 cases 530 half-cases transhipment, also 3 bales hops and 30 cases canned fruits for Queensland ports.

Gabo, s., from Melbourne: 2 large boilers, 30 tons machinery, 2900 cases soap, 30 cases samples, 5 cases boot polish, 32 firebars, 7 pieces timber, 6 casks pitch, 17 bags spokes, 6 casks phenyle, 2 casks oil, 50 cases 1 beer, 4 hogsheads yeast, 20 packages furniture, 1 chaffcutter, 1 seed drill, 1 stripper, 20 cases drapery, 15 cases stationery, 1 horse, 75 cases and 104 packages merchandise, 684 bags onions, 533 bales and 534 bags chaff, 248 bales hay, and sundries; 250 tons general cargo for Queensland ports.

Aramac, s., from Melbourne: 470 cases fruit, 115 bags onions, 340 bags bark, 400 cases tiles, 70 bags flour, 241 cases oilmen's stores, 74 bags oatmeal, 17 casks bottles, 25 bags chaff, 90 bags barley, 41 bars iron and steel, 21 bales wool, 30 cases spirits, 50 drums and 16 casks oil, 7 cases vegetables, 25 bags chaff, and a quantity of sundries.

Coraki, s., from Manning River: 607 bags maize, 2 bags hair, 79 bags oysters, 10 bags pumpkins, 48 bales millet, 4 bales skins, 80 cases eggs, 22 cases honey, 11 cases samples, 1 cask tallow, 25 coops poultry, 1 horse, 63 hides, 3 cans cream, 332 kegs butter, 375 pigs, and 27 packages sundries.

Konoowarra, s., from Queensland ports: 3850 cases meats, 485 tons bonedust, 953 bundles hides, 255 bales hair and skin, 235 bags horns, 523 bags bones, 20 bales gluepieces, 875 bales wool.

Excelsior, s., from Byron Bay: 80 hardwood logs, 860 boxes butter, 10 tons bacon, 30 tins lard, 50 bags maize, 15 cases eggs, 5 coops poultry, 10 pigs, and sundries.

FAST RUN OF THE STRATHDON.

One of the biggest barques afloat, the Strathdon, finished a fine sailing passage from Liverpool last evening, anchoring in Watson's Bay at 7 p.m. Captain Walker reports meeting with strong S.W. and N.W. winds in the North Atlantic, crossed the Equator on February 18 in long. 29° W., having moderate N.E. and S.E. trades. The meridian of Greenwich was crossed on March 9. Thence had usual W. winds till the longitude of Cape Leeuwin was reached, when light S.E. and E. winds were experienced. Sighted Cape Wickham on April 12. Had light W. winds until Gabo was passed, thence strong to the Heads. Passage, 86 days from Liverpool. Messrs. Briscoe, Drysdale, and Co. are agents.

ARRIVALS AT BRITISH AND FOREIGN PORTS.

At Algoa Bay: Omba, s., March 6, from Adelaide January 13.

At Honolulu: Helen Denny, barque, March 10, from Newcastle January 10.

At Manila: Ellen A. Read, barque, February 27, from Newcastle January 8.

At Natal: Blackheath, s., February 20, from Melbourne January 20; Chatham, s., March 1, from Melbourne January 31; Lincolnshire, s., March 2, from Albany February 5; Lynton, s., March 7, from Melbourne January 18; Salamis, s., April 6, from Sydney March 7, Hobart March 10, and Melbourne March 14.

At New York: Alice, barque, March 4, from Auckland November 28.

At San Francisco: Clan Galbraith, barque, about March 8, from Newcastle January 11.

At Valparaiso: Ariel, barque, January 29, from Newcastle December 8.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Arrivals: April 16, Leura, s., from Melbourne; Allinga, s., from Melbourne; Cintra, s., from Cairns; Dawn, s., from Rockhampton; Futami Maru, s., from Japan. Departure: April 16, Herbert, s., for Bundaberg.

KEPPEL BAY.—Arrivals: April 16, Innamincka, s., from Melbourne; Peregrine, s., from Townsville; Kent, s., from Sydney. Departures: April 16, Innamincka, s., for Cooktown; Peregrine, s., for Melbourne.

TOWNSVILLE.—Arrival: April 16, Barcoo, s., from Brisbane. Departure: April 16, Barcoo, s., for Brisbane.

COOKTOWN.—Arrival: April 15, Maranoa, s., from Brisbane. Departure: April 16, Maranoa, s., for Burketown.

BOWEN.—Arrival: April 16, Arawatta, s., from Cooktown. Departure: April 16, Arawatta, s., for Melbourne.

YAMBA.—Arrival: April 16, Kallatina, s., from Sydney, at daylight.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: April 16, Excelsior, s., Timaru, s., from Sydney. Departures: April 16, Gulf of Siam, s., for South Africa, via Sydney, with 2500 quarters beef, 925 carcases mutton; May Byrnes, schooner, Duckenfield, s., Namoi, s., for Sydney; Excelsior, s., for Byron Bay.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: April 16, Kawatiri, s., from Strahan; Glaucus, s., from Newcastle; Omrah, R.M.S., from Hobart.

ADELAIDE.—Arrivals: April 15, Auriga, barque, from Fremantle; April 16, Nemesis, s., from Port Kembla; Marloo, s., from Fremantle, Kalgoorlie, s., from Melbourne; Knight of St. George, s., from New York. Departure: April 16, Arcadia, R.M.S., for Melbourne.

ALBANY.—Departures: April 15, Wymeric, troopship, for Capetown; Victoria, R.M.S., for Colombo.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

RICHMOND RIVER.—Arrival: April 16, Tomki at 8.15 a.m. Passed: Allinga at 5 p.m., north.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Arrival: April 16, Kallatina at daybreak, from Sydney.

WOOLGOOLGA.—Passed: April 16, a barque at 2.30 p.m., north.

COFF'S HARBOUR.—Departure: April 15, Excelsior at 8 p.m., for Sydney.

NAMBUCCA.—Arrival: April 15, Nambucca at 10 p.m., from Sydney.

MACLEAY HEADS.—Arrivals: April 15, Burrawong during the night, Annandale at 6.30 p.m.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Arrival: April 16, Sir George at 4 p.m.

CAMDEN HAVEN.—Arrival: April 16, Nella at 9.15 a.m., from Sydney.

CAPE HAWKE.—Departure: April 16, Kingsley at 9 a.m.

SEAL ROCKS.—April 16, Empress of India at anchor in bay at 5.45 p.m. Passed: April 16, Wyoming at 10.30 a.m., Kingsley at 12.30 p.m., both south.

NELSON'S BAY.—Arrivals: April 16, Swansea at 8.15 a.m., Sophia Ann at 8.30 a.m. The Cooloon anchored in Shoal Bay. Passed: April 16, Kingsley at 5 p.m., south. Wyoming anchored in the bay.

LAKE MACQUARIE HEADS.—Arrival: April 16, Philip Forbes at 6 a.m., from Sydney.

BARRANJOEY.—Departures: April 16, Newcastle at 5.45 p.m., for Sydney; a number of yachts for Sydney this afternoon.

WOLLONGONG.—Passed: April 16, barque 10.30 a.m., north; Illawarra at noon, north; a barque and two steamers at 12.30 p.m., north.

KIAMA.—Arrivals: April 16, Civility at 5 a.m., from Sydney; Illawarra at 9.40 a.m., from Shoalhaven. Departures: April 16, Civility at 7 a.m., for Sydney. Passed: April 16, a barque, light, at 8.10 a.m., north.

CROOKHAVEN.—Departure: April 16, Illawarra at 6.30 a.m., for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY.—Arrival: April 16, Thetis entered during last night. Passed: April 16, steamer at 6.45 a.m., Aramac at 9.55 a.m., Pomona, barque, at 9.55 a.m., Moorabool at 10.5 a.m., all north; Tambo at 11.5 a.m., Gabo at 2.50 p.m., Easby at 6.5 p.m., Allowrie at 6.7 p.m., all north; Australien at 6 p.m., south.

TOMAKIN.—Arrival: April 16, Rebecca, ketch, early, from Sydney.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Departure: April 16, Allowrie at noon, from Sydney.

MORUYA HEADS.—Arrival: April 16, Coomonderry at 8 a.m., from Wagonga. Departures: April 16, Murray at 9.30 a.m., for Sydney; Coomonderry at 10 a.m. Passed: Howard Smith steamer at 15 a.m., north.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: April 16, steamer with black funnel at 7.20 a.m., north; steamer like yellow funnel black top at 7.50 a.m., north.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—April 16, shipping visible only when close in. Passed outward: April 16, Dovedale at 11.40 a.m.

GEELONG.—Arrival: April 16, Age at 5 a.m., from Newcastle.

SEMAPHORE.—Departure: April 16, R.M.S. Arcadia at 8.15 a.m., for Melbourne.

ADELAIDE.—Arrivals: April 16, Knight of St. George at 11.30 a.m., from New York; Marloo, s., from Western Australia. Departure: April 16, Gera at 10.30 a.m., for Melbourne.

BRISBANE.—Arrivals: April 16, Lady Lamington during night, from Bundaberg; Herbert during night, from Bundaberg. Departure: April 16, Barbury, s., at 2.30 a.m., north.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

AUCKLAND, Monday.

Arrived: Elizabeth Graham, barque, at Wellington, from Newcastle.

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Special Advertisements

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Observatory, Monday.

Average rainfall for 41 years, 49 680.
Average for 42 years, January 1 to March 31, 13·989.
Rainfall from January 1 to April 16, 12·615.
Maximum temperature, 56·0; minimum, 47·7.
Humidity 9 a.m., 53 degrees.
Temperature.—Maximum, 56·2; minimum, 47·7; 9 p.m., 54·7.

BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Portland 30·03, Melbourne 29·98, Wilson's Promontory 29·92, Cape St. George 76, Sydney 83, Newcastle 91, Port Macquarie 96.

WEATHER REPORTS.

In the forenoon it was snowing at Hill End, Bathurst, Carcoar, Mt. Victoria, Katoomba, Rockley, Orange, Taralga, Yass, Kiandra. Rain also fell in those districts and Dubbo and Young. The glass at Orange fell to 20 degrees on Sunday night, and at Kiandra to 23.

TEMPERATURES.

Minimum, Sunday night, Sydney 47·7. Low Readings for April:—1879, 46·9; 1895, 47·4; 1900, 47·7. Kiandra 23, Braidwood 30, Carcoar 30, Cooma 33, Katoomba 30, Molong 32, Mount Victoria 28, Orange 20, Rockley 32, Young 30.

RAINFALL IN 48 HOURS PRECEDING 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Balranald 28 points, Barmedman 19, Bathurst 21, Bendemeer 3, Bowral 3, Brewarrina 5, Carcoar 70, Casilis 25, Cobar 11, Condobolin 25, Coonabarabran 11, Coonamble 6, Cowra 56, Cunnellico 39, Deniliquin 37, Dubbo 22, Eden 1, Euston 31, Forbes 31, Germanton 100, Goulburn 28, Gulgong 12, Hay 40, Hillston 25, Jerry's Plains 2, Katoomba 2, Kiandra 252, Marsden 30, Molong 41, Moruya 19, Mount Hope 18, Mount Victoria 3, Mudgee 30, Murrumburrah 48, Narrandera 47, Newcastle 1, Nymagee 9, Orange 36, Penrith 1, Port Macquarie 1, Queanbeyan 16, Rockley 12, Sydney 1, Tamworth 23, Uralla 19, Urana 82, Wagga 39, Walgett 1, Wellington 5, Wentworth 41, Wyalong 44, Young 60, Barringun 3, Booligal 24, Bungendore 15, Burrowa 39, Carrathool 40, Coolah 25, Cootamundra 41, Dandaloo 6, Bunbalong 26, Grenfell 63, Gundagai 60, Hill End 10, Jerilderie 77, Kurrajong 5, Moulamein 21, Nundle 50, Parkes 30, Pooncarie 20, Temora 60, Tocumwal 40, Ungarie 34, Warren 30, Yass 39, Werris Creek 39.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, S.W., fresh, fine, sea moderate; Byron Bay, S.W., light, fine, sea smooth; Ballina, S.W., strong, hazy, sea moderate; Clarence Heads, N.E., fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, S., squally, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, S.W., light, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, W., light, fine, sea smooth; Macleay Heads, W., fresh fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, W., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, S.W., cloudy, sea moderate; Port Stephens, W.S.W., strong, fine, sea moderate; Newcastle, N.W., fresh, fine, sea moderate; Lake Macquarie Heads, N.W., light, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, N.W., fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, W., moderate gale, fine, sea smooth; South Head, W., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Wollongong, W., strong gale, cloudy, sea moderate; Kiama, S.W., cloudy, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, W., strong gale, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, W., strong gale, cloudy, sea rough; Eden, S.W., strong gale, squally, cloudy, sea moderate.

FORECAST AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—The gale is abating. Moderate S.W. winds are expected for Tuesday, with fine and milder weather over the colony generally.—H. C. Russell.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR APRIL 17.

Sun rises at 6.18, sets at 5.31; Moon, 6.56 p.m., 7.55 a.m.; Mercury, 4.15 a.m., 4.28 p.m.; Venus, 10.5 a.m., 7.46 p.m.; Mars, 4.46 a.m., 4.40 p.m.; Jupiter, 7.45 p.m., 9.56 a.m.; Saturn, 9.28 p.m., 11.46 a.m.

New moon, April 29; full, April 15.

High water at Fort Denison, 9.27 a.m., 9.49 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, *5.30 and 7 p.m.
* Letters for Melbourne only will be accepted without late fee for the Express from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., if posted in the special box, which will be open for that purpose during the time stated.
Queensland.—Overland, 4.45 p.m.
Hobart.—Tambo, 10 a.m.
Nelligen.—Peterborough, 11 a.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per R.M.S. Omrah, 4.30 p.m.
R.M.S. Omrah (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.
Singapore and Batavia.—Meissen, 5 p.m.
Dunedin, &c., N.Z., and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Mokoia, 5.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—R.M.S. Omrah, 5.30 p.m.
Clarence River.—City of Grafton, 7 p.m.
Port Macquarie and Nambucca River.—Rosedale, 7 p.m.
Byron Bay, Coff's Harbour, and Woolgoolga.—Excelsior, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

Eden.—Allowrie, 10 a.m.
Hobart and Launceston.—R.M.S. Australia, 10 a.m.
Wellington, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Zealandia, 2 p.m.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, from Wellington.—Gothic, 2 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Pilbarra, 5.30 p.m.

THURSDAY.

Launceston, via Eden.—Wakatipu, 11 a.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius, via Adelaide.—F.M.S. Australien, 4.30 p.m.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 1900.

Four days' fighting occurred at Wepener. Eighteen British were killed and 132 wounded. The besieged are fatigued and despondent. They greatly fear being surrounded. Several of their guns have been disabled, and their wounded included four commandants. Major-General Brabant's division started for Wepener on Saturday. It will go first to Rouxville. Major-General Chermside, who was last reported to be at Reddersburg, is co-operating in the movement.

A patrol of Kitchener's Horse reconnoitred within six miles of Brandfort, at which town it was estimated only 2000 Boers were laagered.

President Kruger attended a conference of commandants at Brandfort. It is reported that the Transvaalers decided to withdraw to the Vet River and to retire across the Vaal if hard pressed, leaving the Free Staters to their fate.

Boshof has been made a base, with Colonel Kekewich in command. The British trenches at Warrenton were heavily shelled on Friday. No damage was done by the bombardment. Owing to complications in the vicinity of Zwartkopjesfontein Lord Methuen despatched a flying column and the Boers retreated the moment they were outflanked.

A force of colonials has returned to De Aar after having marched 500 miles in the rebel districts of north-western Cape Colony. The colonials travelled at the rate of 100 miles per week. The roads were heavy, and unprecedented rains fell. Some New Zealanders entered Kenhardt and made nine rebels prisoners besides capturing rifles and 16,000 rounds of ammunition.

Some Australians ambushed and captured three Johannesburg police at Glen.

Colonel Schiel and two others made a daring attempt to escape from St. Helena on board a Dutch cruiser. They were placed in the citadel.

Lord Roberts has remonstrated with President Kruger for treating colonial prisoners as criminals and refusing to supply them with medicines.

At the opening of the Paris Exhibition on Saturday, when the steamer from which President Loubet viewed the facades of all nations reached the Alexander III. bridge in the Russian facade, a great Franco-Russian demonstration arose.

President Loubet was afterwards escorted through the various sections of the Exhibition by the Russian and the British Ambassadors, Prince Ouroussoff and Sir Edmund Monson. The majority of the visitors to the Exhibition are British.

Sipido, the youth who fired the shot at the Prince of Wales at Brussels, also a man named Meert, and a youth, aged 18 years, who are alleged to be instigators of the attempted assassination, have been committed for trial.

In connection with the '98 celebrations a picnic and sports attended by several thousand people took place yesterday at the Sir Joseph Banks pleasure grounds, Botany. The Minister for Works (Mr. O'Sullivan) delivered an address.

There was a good attendance of spectators at yesterday's race meeting of the A.J.C. at Randwick. The Sydney Cup was won by Mr. W. R. Wilson's La Carabine.

Three cases of bubonic plague were reported to the Board of Health yesterday. The patients were—Edward Powell, of the city; Wan Hoong, a Chinaman, of North Botany; and Robert A. S. Wilberforce, who was taken ill whilst on a visit to Goulburn.

The patient Wilberforce was brought from Goulburn by special train to Darling Harbour, and was taken direct from the train to the quarantine hospital. Dr. Armstrong states that the attack is a mild one.

The house at Goulburn in which Wilberforce was staying, containing eight residents, has been placed under strict quarantine regulations.

Snow fell in many places in the colony yesterday. Several districts report the fall as the earliest recorded for 25 years past. Four inches of snow fell at Kiandra. The temperature at Sydney yesterday was the lowest April reading since 1893.

Major-General French inspected a number of the metropolitan regiments, several country corps, and a large detachment of the Imperial Bushmen's Contingent yesterday at Centennial Park.

The total number of officers and men on parade was 4755. The Premier (Mr. W. J. Lyne), the Minister for Defence (Mr. John See), and other members of the Government were present at the inspection.

The twenty-seventh annual general session of the New South Wales Grand Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars was opened in the Masonic Hall, Newcastle, yesterday. Mr. R. Campbell, jun. (G.C.T.) presided.

Stormy weather prevailed yesterday in many districts in Victoria. The rainfall was heavy, and in the higher altitudes snowstorms were frequent, the ground in some cases being covered to a depth of 2 inches.

The Tarrago and Bunyip rivers overflowed their banks, and many holdings and dwellings were flooded. It is feared that much damage has been done to the late crops.

We publish in another column an interview with the Premier (Mr. W. J. Lyne), replying to Mr. Reid's criticisms regarding the commission recently appointed by the Government to inquire into the public accounts of the colony and the questions placed before the commission.

The post-office at Croydon, N.S.W., was broken open between Saturday night and Sunday morning, and the safe was removed to the yard, where it was burst open. The contents, valued at about £100, were stolen.

There are still a few cases of bubonic plague at Noumea, New Caledonia, and also some on the east coast of the island. Quarantine regulations have, however, been discontinued.

The Auckland City Council has urged the Colonial Secretary (Mr J. G. Ward) to close the port of Auckland against all shipping from Sydney in order to guard against bubonic plague infection.

The Colonial Secretary states that the proposal is of such a drastic nature that he could not authorise it "without the strongest evidence that it is the only means by which the remedy sought for can be obtained."

The Imperial Bushmen's Contingent of Victoria had to move its camp from Langwarrin to the show ground at Flemington yesterday on account of the heavy rains. Eight of the men encamped with the Artillery were taken to the hospital suffering from exposure.

The Great Eastern Steeplechase yesterday at Onkaparinga was won by Euro.

We publish in another column an article dealing with the history of the Privy Council Appeal clauses of the Commonwealth Bill.

The progress of local government throughout the colony represents one of the best phases of the character of the population. We have occasionally to combat the claims of sections of the community who seek to make raids on the public purse for objects which ought to be provided for out of their own pockets. It is with much greater pleasure we record the public spirit which induces the people to spend their own money and employ their own energies in the furtherance of interests of a purely municipal character. And while they have deservedly received aid from the Government, the more independent they are, of course, the higher the ideal they present in contrast with that other section of the community which looks to the public revenue for the discharge of as many of its obligations as can be thrust upon it.

The annual return for 1899 of the Government Statist does not disclose any addition within the year to the number of the incorporated boroughs or districts within the colony. There are 184 of them, with an area of 1,768,504 acres, 161,879 dwellings, and 795,000 inhabitants. Nearly two-thirds of the population are now domiciled in municipal areas, and it is noticeable that they are credited with 18,000 of the increase in the whole colony, estimated at 22,800. Thus a proportionately larger number of the people was brought under municipal government during the year. At the present time this fact has more than ordinary significance, for the organisation, if it fulfils one of its prime missions, will thus be in all the better position to combat the spread of disease by special precautions. The cleansing of the public ways and premises of the city and suburbs becomes of more than ordinary importance under the exceptional conditions of the time.

The year was not an altogether favourable one for the municipalities. The shrinkage in the value of properties had not come to an end. For though there was an increase of 2081 in the number of dwellings, the general rates, amounting to £370,321, fell short by £2903 of the aggregate the year before. From general, lighting, water, and other rates, aggregating £458,813, the yield was reduced by £6608. Moreover, the Government aid was less liberal than in the year 1898, amounting to £81,022 only, as compared with £94,870. The difference is accounted for by the amount due from the Government being £9346 more than in the previous year. Nevertheless, from private subscriptions and other sources not particularised, the income was swollen considerably, so that the gross income for municipal purposes, amounting to £723,419, showed an excess of £2524 on the aggregate of 1898. As regards expenditure, the municipalities were in an economical mood, for the total, exclusive of repayment of principal of loans, was only £708,556, or £14,863 less than the receipts, and £130,312 less than the aggregate expenditure in the year 1898. The main feature of this return indicates that the councils lived within their ordinary income, a practice to be commended, especially while the yield from their ordinary rates lacks elasticity.

The loan operations of the municipal councils and districts were on a rather more extensive scale than in the year 1898. The proceeds of their borrowings aggregated £134,964, as compared with £65,385 in the previous year. Repayments of loans aggregated £90,973, against £60,602. The net result was a larger addition to the debts than in 1898. As scheduled on February 6 the amount of the interest-bearing obligations was £2,736,703, exclusive of £290,553 unsecured overdrafts and outstanding accounts. And it must be satisfactory to the aldermen and councillors to find that the increase in their debt has not involved an addition to their annual burdens for interest. Taking the high interest rate with the low, the average is 4½ per cent., which is about 1s per cent. less than was payable in the previous year. If good management continues to characterise the control of municipal affairs, the tendency should be to still lower rates of interest. The actual interest payable on the loans current amounted to only £130,175, or £983 short of the payment on the debt of the previous year.

All over the world there is an objectionable tendency to unduly extend municipal loan works, notably in the United Kingdom, and occasionally the press directs criticism against it. If permanent municipal works are to be constructed, of course debt is inevitable. Whether our municipalities have gone too far, or to what extent they have exceeded prudent limits, are questions that cannot be answered offhand. The affairs of some corporations are well administered. Of some so much cannot be said. At present the annual interest charge is equal to 18 per cent. of the aggregate income, a percentage exceeded in the case of some municipalities and not reached in the case of others. Aldermen can take the figure and ascertain how far their respective corporations are below or above it. No doubt the value of the assets has to be considered in the calculation. A corporation with waterworks and gasworks may have a very good asset, justifying an outlay for interest not excusable in those without such assets. The position, of course, is not complete without the statement that as against their total liabilities, amounting to £3,027,256, the municipalities had assets which they value at £3,596,273. This indicates a good balance on the right side. Of their assets £417,475 represents sinking funds, bank deposits, and cash in hand; £214,505 rates due from the Government; £875,228 revenue-producing works; and £2,098,765 lands, buildings, sewerage, and working plant. So far as the mere finances of the corporations are concerned, the year has not been an unsatisfactory one, and, with the improvement in values which is now setting in, the prospects are more favourable for the future.

The information given by the Registrar-General as to the number of deaths in New South Wales from various causes during the last three years is satisfactory from several points of view. The total deaths in 1899 were 15,901, as against the 16,661 in 1898 and the 14,264 in the previous year, and the increase in the population since 1897 may be taken as explanatory of the increase in the mortality which 1899 shows over the returns for that year. Indeed during the ten years ended 1898 the death-rate was 12·57 per thousand of the population, which compares favourably with the rates for European countries, which ranged in 1897 from 28·4 in Hungary to 15·4 in Norway. New South Wales compares favourably also with the other Australasian colonies in this respect. In 1898 its death-rate was 12·48, whilst the general rate was 13·20, and New Zealand only, with 9·84, was below her. For the decade ending with that year the general rate for Australasia was 12·76 per thousand, and three colonies only were below it—New South Wales with 12·57, South Australia with 11·94, and New Zealand with 9·78 per thousand. These figure are in themselves sufficient to justify the claim of New South Wales to be regarded as one of the healthiest countries in the world in ordinary circumstances. Accidents of course cannot be helped, especially in a new country where men have to do rough work in places where it is not always possible to obtain at once the advice which would probably save life.

At the same time the Registrar-General's tables contain statements of a grave character which demand attention. Of the three most important diseases—cancer, phthisis, and heart disease—the first named shows a steady increase in the number of fatal results. There were 621 deaths from this cause in 1896, 686 in 1897, 714 in 1898, and 761 in 1899. From 1856, when fatal cases were first recorded, the proportion per thousand of population has, as Mr. Coghlan points out, more than trebled. Nor can we lay the flattering unction to our souls that the disease is mainly to be found amongst new arrivals to Australasia, for an analysis of the cases shows that only a small proportion of the cases consisted of persons who had come lately to the colonies. It would be interesting to know from which colonies these cases came, for it is well known that New South Wales attracts by its healthy climate and by its liberal provision for sick poor a number of people who have contracted diseases elsewhere, and who come here to die. But, indeed, the treatment of cancer seems as yet to be a mystery to medical men. We cannot doubt that the researches of the skilful scientists who are investigating the matter throughout the world will be crowned with success before long. Just as diphtheria has lost half its terrors now that anti-toxin has rendered unnecessary the use of tracheotomy, so cancer will cease to be the incurable disease it is now everywhere admitted to be as soon as some bacteriologist more fortunate than his fellows shall have discovered its causes and its medical treatment. With regard to phthisis the records show that the numbers of fatal cases are decreasing. This is another case in which the very healthiness of our climate is a cause of trouble, for many persons in an advanced stage of the disease come here in the well-founded hope that the change will prolong their lives. It has this effect, but none the less they die, and their cases go to swell the mortality returns. Even so, the death-rate shows a satisfactory downward tendency. In 1889 there were 1025 deaths from phthisis in a population of 1,121,860, whilst in 1898 the deaths numbered 1088 in a population of 1,333,840 persons, and in 1899 they were 1069 out of a larger population.

Some explanation should be forthcoming as to the remarkable increase in the number of deaths from whooping cough. This was 13 in 1897, 241 in 1898, and 487 in 1899. Has it been a kind of epidemic, much as influenza was, with its rise from 196 in 1897 to 329 in 1898, and to 360 last year? If so, it may be hoped that it will fade out as quickly as it began—that it may, for instance, follow the precedent set by measles. In 1897 there were three deaths from measles, and in the following year the mortality from this disease suddenly sprang to 509. We have all been used to regard measles as one of the inconveniences to which children are subject—much as cutting the first tooth—so that when it visited us in 1898 as a disastrous epidemic the public was much taken aback. It was as if the household pet had suddenly turned upon its human playmates. Last year the mortality from this cause went back to 209, a big difference from the 509 of 1898, but still altogether too large a toll for our population to pay to so insignificant a disease. Typhoid, we notice with pleasure, carried off fewer people in 1899 than it did in 1898; fewer, too, in proportion to population, than it did in 1897. Recent revelations of the conditions under which life is lived in some of the quarters of Sydney will naturally be held to account for the presence of some of these diseases, and for the large number of deaths they have caused. The healthiest climate in the world will be handicapped if the ordinary laws of decent living are systematically outraged as they have undoubtedly been in some of the tenements in the poorer parts of the city. It speaks volumes for the energy and ability of our medical men, as well as for the salubriousness of the climate, that the death-rate is so low, notwithstanding the existence of what are little better than forcing-houses of disease. With the removal of these centres of mischief the task of the medical man will be made easier, and the mortality which has so much perplexed statisticians will be sensibly reduced. Even under the old conditions the climate has so far triumphed over human carelessness and neglect as to reduce the death-rate year by year, and if sanitary laws are rigidly observed the healthiness of the climate of New South Wales will be acknowledged as even more remarkable than it is at present.

A few weeks ago Marconi, speaking of the progress of wireless telegraphy, declared his firm conviction that before long telegrams at sea despatched by this means would become as common as on land. As if anticipating this novel state of things, the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, according to a cablegram, is equipping the vessels of its fleet with the apparatus for this means of communication. While, however, we wait for the future remarkable developments of this surprising invention, there are many important uses to which it can be put in its present stage. What wireless telegraphy has accomplished up to date quite justifies the action of the steamship company, and it is probable that other companies will shortly follow the good action thus set. As a means of communicating with lighthouses during a fog, for instance, Marconi's invention has shown how useful it can be, and its employment in this connection is bound to be more largely availed of in the future. Then between ship and ship in a fog in such places as the English Channel the apparatus is likely to prove invaluable. Communication over distances of sixty and seventy miles is easily possible, as repeated experiments have shown, and these records seem destined to be eclipsed before long. Of the possibilities of wireless telegraphy, Mr. Marconi entertains the most sanguine views. Mr. Nikola Tesla is another scientist who hopes to add to the wonders of this method of communication, for he has recently given utterance to the opinion that he is convinced that he will be able in the immediate future by this means to establish swift connection with every city in the world, and he further ventures on the bold forecast that he will obtain a speed of from 1500 to 2000 words a minute. Whether such startling developments are to come about or not, we have enough already before us to convince us that wireless telegraphy can be of real service to humanity, and its employment in connection with ships is a ready case in point.

THE MAIL STEAMERS.—The French mail steamer Australien left the Messageries Maritimes Company's wharf yesterday for Marseilles, and was seen off by a fashionable party of visitors. The steamer, which is one of the fastest in the company's fine fleet, was in the perfection of order, and looked extremely handsome as she rounded to off Fort Macquarie Point, on her way to the Heads. Melbourne advises the arrival there of the Orient Company's Omrah, hence to London. The Omrah took in at Hobart a large consignment of fruit for the English market. The P. and O. Company's Arcadia, whose English mails are due here to-day, left the Semaphore at 8.15 a.m. yesterday for Melbourne. The North German Lloyd Company's Gera, from Bremen, left Adelaide at 10.30 a.m. for Melbourne. To-morrow at noon the P. and O. liner Australia will leave the company's wharf for London with every berth engaged. She is the last of this line to call at Hobart this season.

WRECKAGE SIGHTED.—The barque Pomona, from New York yesterday, reported that when crossing the Southern ocean towards Australia they passed the Crozet Islands on February 23, and two days later sighted a quantity of wreckage which appeared to be fresh in the water. It consisted of part of a ship's deck and a portion of the poop-deck. The barque was too distant in the weather prevailing at the time to enable a closer inspection to be made.

NORMAN FRENCH IN THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.—If (the "Pall Mall Gazette" of March 8 states) the hon. member who suggested the abolition of Norman French in the process of legislation had glanced at Sir Erskine May's great work he would have seen how superfluous a piece of vandalism this would be. Hardly half a dozen phrases of this dialect now survive. Of these are well known, "la reyne le veult," "soit fait comme il est desire," and when the Royal assent is refused "la reyne s'avisera"—a formula, by the way, not heard since 1707. When a bill is sent to the Lords, the Clerk writes on it "soit baillé aux seigneurs;" the endorsement "a ceste bille avesque des amendemens les seigneurs sont assentus" speaks for itself. Cromwell gave his assent to bills in English, but at the Restoration the old monarchical custom was revived. In 1706 the Lords passed a bill to abolish French in Parliament and the courts of law, but the bill was dropped in the Commons. Parliament has only spoken English since the reign of Henry VI. The use of Norman French is so closely intertwined with the early foundations of our constitution that purposeless destruction of its few relics would be mere iconoclasm. "It would be hardly too much to say," according to Messrs. Pollock and Maitland, "that at the present day almost all our words that have a definite legal import are, in a certain sense, French words," and they point out that nearly all the technical terms of the common law are French. "The Middle Ages," these authorities add, "are just at an end before the records of the English Legislature are written mainly in English, and to this day, as we all know, what a lawyer must regard as the most solemn of all our formulas, is French—'La reyne le veult.'" The law reports of the sixteenth century, they tell us, are not Norman French, but "dog-French."

HIGH PRICES FOR IMPRESSIONIST PICTURES.—The Paris correspondent of the "Pall Mall Gazette" telegraphed to that paper on March 8 the subjoined information:—"A remarkable example of the rapid way in which works of art may rise in value under the influence of a sudden change in popular taste is furnished by the sale of M. Adolphe Taverunier's collection of pictures and pastels by artists of the impressionist school. The collection was specially rich in works by Sisley, who, of all the impressionists, was the last to obtain recognition. Until comparatively recently Sisley's pictures could be bought for from £10 to £20. Three years ago, when M. Durand Ruel gave £46 at the Vever sale for Sisley's 'Premiere Neige a Veneux-Nadon,' the price was considered so extraordinary that it provoked general comment. The picture became the property of M. Taverunier, and on March 7 it fetched £204. The sale, however, afforded a far more striking case than this of rise in value. In 1876 Sisley sent a canvas entitled 'L'Inondation' to the Salon. The work, which is one of the artist's masterpieces, was refused admission by the jury, and Sisley was glad to sell it for the prodigious sum of £32s. At the death of the purchaser, the picture passed into the hands of M. Paindeson for the sum of £3 8s. M. Tavernier acquired it from M. Paindeson for £400, and on March 7 it was knocked down to the Marquis de Camondo for £1720. There is a certain irony of fate in these figures. To the end of his life Sisley had the utmost difficulty in making a livelihood, and in his old age he would have been reduced to positive destitution but for the assistance of his brother impressionist artists."

AN ALBINO SNAKE.—A unique capture, from a naturalist's point of view, has ("St. James's Gazette," of March 6, states) been made at Eye Kettleby, in Leicestershire. During the course of some digging operations in a local garden, and at a depth of 2½ft. in the subsoil, an English ringed snake, but a pure albino, with eyes of a bright ruby red, was unearthed. According to the leading authorities, albinism, though met with from time to time in birds and animals, such as foxes, squirrels, badgers, and stoats, has hitherto been entirely unknown in connection with reptiles. The recently captured specimen has come very appropriately into the possession of Mr. Castang, the well-known authority on albinos and hybrids.

PATRIOTIC FAMILIES.—There is a family in New South Wales which enjoys the distinction of having four of its members serving with the colours. In England, however, there is one family at least which is represented in the naval and field forces by no fewer than five of its members. This information is gleaned from a paragraph published in the "Daily Graphic" of February 16, as follows:—"The Mayor of Sandwich yesterday presented to Robert Horton and his wife, of Cottage-row, Sandwich, a £5 note, in recognition of the fact that they have five sons in her Majesty's service, namely, Sergeant George Horton, 2nd Royal Irish Rifles, a prisoner at Bloemfontein; Sergeant Robert Horton, 13th Field Battery Royal Artillery, at Ladysmith; Corporal John Horton, the Buffs, in India; Corporal Charles Horton, 3rd Dragoon Guards, in Ireland; and Leading Seaman Frank Horton, H.M.S. Assaye. William Friend Horton, a sixth son, and also of the Royal Navy, was drowned in returning from the West Indies in 1898. Robert Horton, the father, was formerly an agricultural labourer."

THE QUEEN'S LOVE OF WAR PICTURES.—The Queen has ("M.A.P." states) always taken a very exceptional interest in what may be called military art. During her reign she has been a generous and discriminating patron of all the great battle painters of the day, and on several occasions she has given commissions for important battle pieces. Her Majesty possesses several of Lady Butler's finest works, notably "The Roll Call," which, though actually painted to order, was seceded by the fortunate owner when he was told how anxious the Queen was to possess it. During her visit to Paris in 1855 the paintings which most interested her at Versailles were the splendid series of Napoleonic battle scenes in which Horace Vernet put on record the triumphs of the Grande Armee. So well aware are those about the Court of the Queen's interest in military paintings that on many occasions the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught have arranged that paintings of this class should be taken down to Windsor that the Sovereign may inspect them. Among the large number of what may be called family portraits and paintings now owned by the Sovereign there is none she values more highly than Mr. Caton Woodville's spirited painting of the Duke of Connaught leading his men into action at the battle of Tel-el-kebir.

A VERSATILE MARQUIS.—"M.A.P." publishes the subjoined paragraph relative to the Marquis of Normanby:—"To be at once an English Marquis, a Canon of Windsor, and the proprietor-headmaster of a successful school has probably occurred to only one man in the history of England. The present Marquis of Normanby combines the three positions in his own person. Some years ago when, as Lord Mulgrave, the Marquis came into his title and the possession of the estates, he found them heavily encumbered, and the income arising from them quite inadequate to keep up the great Gothic pile of Mulgrave Castle, near Whitby. The gardens of the castle were neglected, and the whole structure stood in great need of attention. Accordingly, Lord Normanby started his now famous preparatory school for the sons of noblemen and gentlemen. The duties of his Windsor canonry bring Lord Normanby much into the presence of her Majesty the Queen, with whom he is a great favourite. The Queen takes a great interest in the progress of the school, which now numbers nearly 70 boys, and never fails to inquire after it. Lord Normanby is 53 years of age and a bachelor. One wing of Mulgrave Castle has been fitted up on the ground floor as bachelor quarters, with excellent smoking rooms and libraries. It would be difficult to find anything so complete in the way of bachelor comfort anywhere else in England. The Marquis is a good shot and an enthusiastic gardener. He is one of the most successful mission preachers, especially to men, in the English Church.

The Paddington Free Public Library will be closed for the annual stocktaking during the present week. Upon reopening the duties of librarian will be performed by Miss Lillie Roran, B.A., who has been appointed to the position out of 125 applicants.

An advertisement appears elsewhere announcing that Messrs. J. R. Love and Co. have opened temporary premises at 174 Clarence-street.

In order to provide Mr. Stanley Rowley, the well-known athlete, with sufficient funds to meet expenses for his trip to Europe to take part in the Olympian games a concert will be held this evening in the Paddington Town Hall.

There was a large attendance at the opening last Thursday afternoon of the North Sydney Girls' Grammar School, Fitzroy-street. The audience included Lady Abbott, Miss Louisa Macdonald, M.A., Mrs. Randall Carey, Mrs. Goddard, Mrs. Leneman, Mr. and Mrs. Livingstone, and Mrs. John Hughes. Miss Mary Wilson's pupils played piano solos, Mr. Leslie Welch contributed a 'cello solo, and Miss Emmie Luggins's kindergarten pupils were exercised at some of their games.

It is announced that a public meeting of citizens will be held at the Town Hall on Friday next at 8 p.m. to take steps to form a citizens' vigilance committee to assist the Government and the municipal authorities in their efforts to stamp out the plague.

A baker named John Seigel, aged 35, residing at Church-street, Camperdown, was thrown from a cart in which he was driving in Missenden-road yesterday, and was admitted at Prince Alfred Hospital suffering from a severe scalp wound and concussion.

The following is the report of the Benevolent Asylum for the week ended April 11:—Provisions distributed: 2996 loaves of bread, 1296lb. flour, 2021lb. meat, 827lb. sugar, 200½lb. tea, 95½lb. sago, 182lb. rice, 1lb. arrowroot, 156½lb. oatmeal. There were 10 fresh applications for and one renewal of relief. Cases reported by the inspectors, 168. In two cases the rations were reduced; in 30 cases the recipients ceased to come, and were taken off the books. Total number of cases relieved, 761, representing 2367 adults and children.

THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.

MILTON, Monday.

At a well-attended meeting on Saturday a series of resolutions was carried in support of Sassafras as a site for a federal capital. The Mayor, Alderman Riley, said that the elevated plateau on the South Coast range known as Sassafras, consisting almost wholly of Crown lands, was within easy distance of one of the finest harbours in the world, viz., Jervis Bay. Messrs. D. Kennedy, J.P., N. Claydon, jun., W. D. Marsden, J.P., James Murray, S. Pickering, and Dr. Young also spoke. A large and influential committee was formed, with Messrs. C. A. Cork and J. J. Rutter as joint hon. secretaries, and Mr. W. D. Marsden treasurer, to work with the Nowra district to bring the claims of Sassafras under the notice of the Commissioner, Mr. Oliver.

WAGGA, Monday.

Mr. Oliver, federal capital commissioner, arrived on Saturday for the purpose of inspecting the proposed federal capital site. He was accompanied by Mr. Keating, secretary, and was met by Mr. C. F. Bolton, chairman of the capital executive committee, Mr. Gormly, and others. The Commissioner was driven round to the southern side of the river, the committee pointing out the capabilities of site and district. The northern side was inspected to-day, and a visit was paid to Messrs. Dixon and Son's extensive tobacco farm, the progress of which caused evident surprise. The party afterwards drove round the experimental farm. Mr. Oliver will take evidence to-morrow. There are 15 witnesses to be examined.

TO-DAY.

Royal Agricultural Society's Show: Agricultural Grounds, Moore Park, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Town Hall: Operatic Concert, in aid of the Patriotic Fund, 8 p.m.
Paddington Town Hall: Stanley Rowley Farewell Concert, 8 p.m.
Pigeon Shooting: N.S.W. Gun Club, 2.30 p.m.
Brighton Racing Club: First Race at 2.40 p.m.
Boer War Biograph: 476 George-street, from 11 a.m. and every hour during the day
Her Majesty's Theatre: "Camille," 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "The Gay Lord Quex," 8 p.m.
Lyceum: "The Irishman," 8 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: "Robbery Under Arms," 8 p.m.
Palace Theatre: M'Adoo's Minstrels, 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Mr. Rickards's Company, 7.50 p.m.
Cyclorama and Hall of Illusions: 10 a.m. till 10 p.m.

COLD WESTERLY WEATHER.

SCOPE OF THE RAINFALL.

FALLS OF SNOW INLAND.

THE EARLIEST FOR MANY YEARS.

FOUR FEET THICK AT KIANDRA.

Many a winter's day is mild compared with yesterday's weather. Easter Sunday was one of the bleakest on record, and yesterday will pass into history as one of the coldest Easter Mondays. Yet, cold as it proved, it might have been more disagreeable, for, had the sharp snap been accompanied by heavy rain, as, indeed, it seemed likely to be at several periods during the day, the effect on the populace would have been incomparably more unpleasant. As it was, excepting for the overcast sky that prevailed for the greater portion of the day, the weather was for outdoor exercise as bracing as it was appetising. Some said that the sudden fall in the temperature will have the effect of emphasising the plague, but others hold that the westerly, being an extremely dry wind, the opposite effect will result, declaring that it is only where a fall in temperature occurs simultaneously with an increase in atmospheric humidity that the risk of infection is enhanced. In some respects the day meteorologically was especially fickle. At sunrise a brighter morning could not have been wished. The sky was almost cloudless, and there was a complete absence of the indications of a rough day. And for a considerable part of the forenoon those bright hopes which were entertained of a genial change were encouraged. But the proverbial uncertainty of weatherly affairs was more than upheld when behind blackening clouds the bright sunshine vanished and remained hidden for the rest of the day, while keen squalls tore through the city and across the waters with a savage bitterness that was little short of cruel.

THE SNOWFALL.

As will be seen from our country correspondents' telegrams, a large area on the highlands was, between Sunday night and yesterday evening, visited by snowstorms. At Yass the rain which set in on Sunday was followed by snow yesterday, and amongst other stations are Bathurst, Queanbeyan, Rockley, Trunkey Creek, Blayney, Millthorpe, and Kiandra. In several instances it is the earliest experience of snow for a quarter of a century, but whether that phenomenal fact points to an exceptionally severe winter is not stated. The lowest temperature recorded yesterday was at Kiandra, when at noon the thermometer registered 9° below freezing point, with 4 feet of snow on the ground.

THE RAINFALL.

As stated in yesterday's "Herald" the returns of the rainfall were incomplete on Sunday night, and now, after another day has elapsed, it is seen that some substantial additions have been made. This is especially the case in Riverina, where, along the Murrumbidgee, half an inch was added. Out at Pooncarie, on the Lower Darling, 21 points were recorded, and at Wentworth 41 points. South of the Murrumbidgee, they had 21 at Moulamein, 37 at Deniliquin, Jerilderie 77, and 82 points at Urana. There were a few even heavier falls in the southern districts.

MR. RUSSELL'S REPORT.

Mr. Russell last night said "the westerly storm reached a velocity of 38 miles per hour at noon, and between 8 and 9 p.m. blew at 25 miles per hour. The gales are abating. Of the snowstorm Kiandra had 4 inches snow since 9 a.m. yesterday; Wagga, rain 0.04in.; Moss Vale (snow fell at noon), 0.05in.; Taralga had 0.14in.; and at 9 a.m. yesterday it was snowing at Tambaroora, Carcoar, Rockley, Yass, Kiandra, Taralga, Lithgow, and at Katoomba."

Mr. Russell, speaking of the dryness of the wind, said that at 9 a.m. the percentage of humidity was but 53, and at 9 p.m. 54, very unusual readings for Sydney. Of the cold he said that the shade temperature, 47·7, yesterday morning was the lowest April reading since 1893, when 47·3 occurred. The lowest temperature on record at the Observatory for April was 44·6 on the 27th of the month in the year 1864. Asked with reference to the value of the present icy experience viewed as a portent of a severe winter this year, the Government Astronomer remarked, "Oh, no, nothing of the kind. The simple matter is that this south-westerly blow having continued for some time has brought along the temperatures from the higher latitudes. With winds at nearly 40 miles per hour blowing continuously as has happened in this case, it is not remarkable that the cold weather prevailing to the south of Australia has been carried here."

ALONG THE COAST.

All shipping from the southward were revelling in the breeze. Steamers as well as sailers came along the coast at increased speed. Jervis Bay reported the Aramac from Melbourne passing there at 9.55 a.m., and South Head gave her entering 5½ hours later. It is 87 miles between the two points, so that the speed of the Aramac must have been 15·8 knots per hour, and of course she is a fast steamer. Then the barque Pomona, from New York, came along at a brisk rate. She reported at Jervis Bay at 9.55 a.m., and was inside Sydney Heads in tow, her time working out about 12 knots up the coast. The 2000 ton barque Strathdon also made all she could of the favourable gale, and came flying along to port, finishing an excellent passage from the old country. But what is good to one is poison to another, and so in this instance. The shipping coming southwards towards Sydney were badly handicapped. A few of the smaller coasters sought shelter while more pretentious vessels held on their course against the odds of gale and sea.

IN THE HARBOUR.

As expected there were many capsizes in the harbour during the squalls. Just as the Howard Smith steamer Konoowarra was coming up the harbour her commander noticed a half-decker bottom up off Chowder. There were several young fellows waving for help, so the Konoowarra bore down and took them off. The half-decker was afterwards towed by the pilot steamer Captain Cook into Watson's Bay. The Manly Beach steamers and the Mosman and Neutral Bay ferries, as well as others of the North Shore, Lane Cove, Parramatta, and Balmain steamers report pleasure boats "turning turtle" in other parts of the harbour. These steamers rendered such assistance as was necessary, and with the harbour patrol of the Water Police many serious accidents were averted.

ARALUEN, Monday.

The weather is unusually bleak for the season. Sleet is falling on the mountains.

BATHURST, Monday.

The holiday was spoilt by wet weather. It snowed heavily in the morning, the mountains being covered.

BROKEN HILL, Saturday.

A little misty rain fell last night. This morning and afternoon were fine, but smart showers fell in the evening, which promise to be continuous.

BLAYNEY, Monday.

Towards evening yesterday snow began to fall and continued all night until noon to-day. The earliest snow seen previously in this district was on May 24 many years ago.

CANDELO, Monday.

Showers fell to-day, accompanied by a cold westerly wind.

CROOKWELL, Monday.

Rain commenced to fall yesterday in heavy showers. The air was piercingly cold, and a heavy westerly wind blew, reaching hurricane force last night. Snow commenced to fall towards evening in light showers, and has continued on since, at one time lying two to three inches thick on the ground. Heavy wind is now blowing, accompanied by sleet and rain.

DUBBO, Monday.

A heavy gale blew for one hour from 6 p.m. on Sunday, and was followed by a little rain and hailstorm.

GOULBURN, Monday.

The weather has been very cold, and a few flakes of snow fell early this morning.

GRAFTON, Monday.

Cold westerly gales prevailed yesterday and to-day. The outlook for the coming winter is causing much anxiety to graziers.

GRETA, Monday.

The weather is very cold, a heavy westerly wind blowing.

KIANDRA, Monday.

The weather has been very boisterous during the last week. Snow is now (noon) falling heavily, and the temperature now is 23°. A foot of snow fell last night. Since March 2 22in. of rain has fallen.

LITHGOW, Monday.

Yesterday and to-day the weather was very cold. Light snow fell last night, and this morning the neighbouring hills were covered. A cold westerly, with occasional snow flakes to-day spoiled the holiday, and most picnics and excursions were given up, the majority of people not venturing out at all.

MILLTHORPE, Monday.

The weather for the past 24 hours has been very cold. Snow, accompanied with sleet, fell heavily last night for about half an hour. This is the earliest fall of snow here for the past 25 years.

MOSS VALE, Monday.

The weather yesterday turned intensely cold. There was a strong south-westerly wind to-day, accompanied by a fall of snow.

MOUNT VICTORIA, Monday.

Snow fell last night, about a couple of inches lying on the ground. There was also a slight fall to-day. The thermometer registers 27.

MUSWELLBROOK, Monday.

The weather has been equally since Sunday morning, and bitterly cold winds prevailed, to-day being the most severe on record for the month of April.

ORANGE, Monday.

The weather is cold and boisterous. Snow commenced to fall last evening, and continued lightly throughout the night and forenoon to-day. This is the earliest snow that has fallen here for 26 years.

QUEANBEYAN, Monday.

There was a sudden fall of temperature last night, the minimum being 29°. Snow fell during the night.

ROCKLEY, Monday.

Yesterday it was bitterly cold, with a strong westerly wind. Snow began to fall at 8 p.m., and continued throughout the night. The ground was covered this morning to a depth of 4in. on the level and over a foot in the drifts. Snow was falling lightly at 10 a.m. The fall was exceptionally heavy on the dividing range.

TRUNKEY CREEK, Monday.

It snowed heavily last night and to-day.

YASS, Monday.

Heavy showers fell on Sunday and this morning. Snow fell to-day. It was very cold, and the holiday was spoiled.

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SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

GREAT FRANCO-RUSSIAN DEMONSTRATION.

LONDON, April 15.

At the opening of the Paris Exhibition yesterday, when the steamer from which President Loubet viewed the facades of all nations reached the Alexander III. bridge in the Russian facade, a great Franco-Russian demonstration arose.

The Russian and the British Ambassadors, Prince Ouroussoff and Sir Edmund Monson afterwards together escorted President Loubet through the various sections.

The majority of the visitors to the Exhibition are British.

THE ATTEMPT TO SHOOT THE PRINCE OF WALES.

THREE PERSONS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

LONDON, April 15.

Sipido, the youth who fired the shot at the Prince of Wales, at Brussels, Meert, who is alleged to be an instigator, and a youth named Peuchot, aged 18 years, also alleged to be an instigator of the attempted assassination, have been committed for trial.

THE CZAR AND THE CZARINA.

LONDON, April 15.

The Czar of Russia, Nicholas II., and the Czarina, together with their daughters, have arrived at Moscow.

BRITISH BROKEN HILL S.M. COMPANY.

LONDON, April 16.

The report of the British Broken Hill Silver Mining Company shows a profit of £72,088. A financial dividend for the year of 1s 6d is declared, and £10,000 is to be invested for the reserve fund.

THE AUSTRALIAN MORTGAGE, LAND, AND FINANCE CO.

LONDON, April 16.

The half-yearly report of the Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company shows a profit of £62,883. A dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. is recommended, and £3883 is carried forward.

QUEENSLAND.

SUSPICIOUS CASE OF ILLNESS AT ROCKHAMPTON.

BRISBANE, Monday.

A wire from Rockhampton states that the Burwah, which arrived yesterday from Sydney, was engaged for the Druids' excursion to-day. About 1000 persons were on board the steamer, which was preparing to leave the wharf when it was ascertained that one of the stewards was suffering from a suspicious illness, he having been seized suddenly. Dr. Voss ordered all the excursionists to leave the vessel, which was then anchored below the town wharf. A message bearing on the matter was received by the postmaster at Brisbane, but so far as can be ascertained no official report has reached the health authorities, although it is rumoured that the case is supposed to be plague.

The Indian Famine Fund now amounts to about £630. Subscriptions are coming in more freely.

THE PREMIERS' CONFERENCE.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

Mr. Holder, the Premier, leaves on Tuesday to attend the Premiers' conference. He considers that as Mr. Philp has accepted an invitation he will abide by the decision of the conference.

HEAVY RAINS AND EXTREME COLD IN VICTORIA.

HOLDINGS UNDER WATER.

MILITARY CAMPS FLOODED.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The Easter holidays were quite spoiled by heavy rains and extreme cold. Since Friday night the weather has been boisterous and wet, and the outdoor sports which were postponed from Saturday to Monday had to again be postponed or carried out under the most depressing influences. These climatic conditions were general throughout the colony, supplemented in the higher altitudes by snowstorms of so pronounced a character that the snow lay 2 inches thick in the streets. Gippsland had more than the average share of rain, over 5 inches having fallen since Friday, raising the fall for the month to over 10 inches. All the creeks and rivers are running bank high, and in many places are overflowing, and a large area of country round about Drouin is under water. The main drain of the Koo Wee Rup Swamp, which carries the waters of the Tarago and Bunyip rivers into Western Port Bay is running over the banks, and the water of the subsidiary drains is consequently dammed back. A very large number of settlers' holdings and dwellings are under water (in some cases up to 4ft. deep), and families have been driven to the adjoining township for shelter. It is feared that the late crops will be ruined. Boats were sent to-day by train to Bunyip for rescue purposes. In other parts of the country low-lying lands are threatened by rising waters.

The Bushmen encamped at Langwarrin suffered considerable hardship from exposure to the inclement weather, and the field artillery Easter encampment at Bittern was equally unfortunate. Eight men were ordered into hospital suffering from the effects of exposure. The camp at Bittern was flooded out during last night owing to the adjoining creek being unequal to carrying away the flood waters. The Bushmen camped at Langwarrin had a somewhat similar experience, and to-day the greater number of them with the horses, were transferred to the Agricultural Show Ground, at Flemington. About 50 horses are under the care of the veterinary surgeon.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

FIRST DAY.

AUCKLAND, Monday.

The Autumn Meeting of the Canterbury Jockey Club was commenced to-day, when the two most important events were determined as follows:—

Great Easter Handicap—7 furlongs.

Mr. D. O'Brien's b h Malatua, by Malua—Faithful, 8st 10lb ... 1

Messrs. Ellis Brothers' ch g Jupiter, by St. Clair—Evening Star, 8st ... 2

Mr. J. D. Ormond's br g Jabber, by St. Andrew—Gabble, 8t 5lb ... 3

Time, 1 minute 29¼ seconds.

Champagne Stakes, 6 furlongs.—Formosan, 1; Cannie Chiel, 2; Military, 3. Time, 1 minute 17 seconds.

PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE.

CARCOAR, Monday.

Stock sent to Flemington:—911 sheep, Hebden Brothers, Flyers Creek, near Carcoar; 301 sheep, L. W. Whitney, Coombing Park, Carcoar.

For Bronchial Coughs take 'Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. 1s 6d.—Advt.

LATE EDITION.

HERALD OFFICE, 5.10 a.m.

THE WAR.

VISITORS TO SOUTH AFRICA.

HAMPERING THE WORK OF OFFICERS.

LONDON, April 16.

Sir Alfred Milner, the High Commissioner for South Africa, complains that the large number of visitors to South Africa, especially ladies, without any special call of duty or business, is greatly hampering the military and civil officers.

Lord Roberts has assented to the complaint of the High Commissioner.

GUNS FOR THE TRANSVAAL.

DETAINED AT DELAGOA BAY.

LONDON, April 16.

The "Daily Mail" states that two German Maxims and a quantity of ammunition, destined for Pretoria, have been detained at Delagoa Bay by the Portuguese authorities.

LIEUTENANT MACARTNEY CONVALESCENT.

A REMARKABLE WOUND.

NOON. April 16.

Lieutenant H. B. G. Macartney, of the 2nd Royal Fusiliers, an Australian, who was wounded at Pieters Hill, Natal, is now convalescent.

He had a bullet fired through his head from ear to ear.

4.15 p.m.

THE MARCH TO KENHARDT.

REBELS POISON ALL THE WELLS.

LONDON, April 16.

On the march to Kenhardt, in the Carnarvon district, the Australian and Canadian troops found that the rebels had poisoned all the wells.

PRISONERS AT ST. HELENA.

ATTEMPTED ESCAPE OF COLONEL SCHIEL.

LONDON, April 16.

Further particulars have been received of the attempt of Colonel Schiel and two other Boer prisoners to escape from St. Helena.

Colonel Schiel bribed a boatman to carry a letter to the Dutch cruiser.

The boatman, by mistake, delivered the letter to H.M.S. Niobe in the harbour, and thus the plot was discovered.

BOER TREATMENT OF COLONIAL PRISONERS.

TONS OF PRESENTS.

LONDON, April 16.

Lord Roberts, in his remonstrance to President Kruger regarding the harsh treatment of colonial prisoners, complains that the prisoners have been forced to bivouac on the open veldt.

There are 90 cases of enteric fever among the prisoners at Waterval, on the outskirts of Pretoria.

The American Consul at Pretoria has received six and a half tons of presents to British prisoners from their friends.

VISIT OF THE QUEEN TO IRELAND.

ASTONISHING ACTIVITY.

LONDON, April 16.

The air of Ireland greatly invigorates the Queen, who is still at Dublin.

The activity of her Majesty in visiting the hospitals and other public institutions astonishes everybody.

THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

A BEAUTIFUL SPECTACLE.

LONDON, April 16.

The opposition newspapers in Paris urge the postponement of the Paris Exhibition for a month owing to the unpreparedness of the work.

The English newspapers describe it as the most beautiful exhibition yet seen in Europe.

On Sunday the Exhibition was visited by a quarter of a million of people.

CABLE INTERRUPTION.

The Postmaster-General has been advised that the Turkish route has been interrupted beyond Fao.

STABBING AFFRAY AT NEWCASTLE.

NEWCASTLE, Tuesday Morning.

During a midnight quarrel at Carrington, a seaman named John Gray, belonging to the steamer Egremont Castle, was severely stabbed with a knife and bled profusely. The injured man was conveyed by the police to the Newcastle Hospital, where he was admitted for treatment. The medical examination disclosed the fact that the unfortunate man had received three distinct wounds one under the right eye and two below the left shoulder. An arrest has been effected.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN TURF CLUB EASTER MEETING.

PERTH, Monday.

The first day's racing of the Western Australian Turf Club Easter meeting this afternoon was fairly well attended. There was dull weather. The favourites had a bad day. No bookmakers were allowed to ply their calling. Results were:—

Padbury Hurdle Race, 1½ mile.—Milton, 1; Cressy, 2; Thackeringa, 3.

Easter Handicap, 1 mile 1 furlong.—Yale Lock, 8st 4lb (Bolger), 1; Scarpia, 8st, 2; Mæcenas, 8st 12lb, 3. Time, 2 minutes 5 seconds. Dividends £4 10s, £2 8s.

Karrakatta Stakes, weight for age, 6 furlongs.—Willie, 1; Warwara, 2; Smoke, 3. Time, 1 minute 17 seconds.

Claremont Welter Handicap, 7 furlongs.—Lubra (M'Swequey) 1; Brazen, 2; Busy Bee, 3. Time, 1 minute 32 2-5 seconds. Dividend, £1 16s.

Artesian Handicap Selling Race, 5 furlongs.—Wantagong, 1; Cartlion, 2; Tripper, 3. Time, 1 minute 4 1-5 seconds. Bought in for £85.

Osborne Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Too Soon (M'Sweeney), 1; Primrose, 2; Carrick, 3. Dividend, £5 2s.

THE WAR.

THE SIEGE OF WEPENER.

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

BESIEGERS DESPONDENT.

FOUR COMMANDANTS WOUNDED.

HASTENING THE RELIEF FORCE.

CONFERENCE OF BOER LEADERS.

REPORTED INTENTION TO RETIRE.

PACIFYING CAPE REBELS.

AUSTRALIANS AND CANADIANS IN COMPANY.

HARSH TREATMENT OF COLONIAL PRISONERS.

LONDON, April 16.

The siege of Wepener, on the eastern border of the Orange Free State, is still continued by the Boers.

In four day's fighting the British had 18 men killed and 132 men wounded.

The besiegers are fatigued and are despondent. They greatly fear that they will be surrounded.

Several of the enemy's guns have been disabled.

Four Boer commandants have been wounded.

Major-General Brabant's brigade of Irregular Horse started on Saturday from Aliwal North for Rouxville, 21 miles distant, in a northerly direction.

From Rouxville Major-General Brabant will proceed to Wepener, a distance of 47 miles.

Lieutenant-General Sir H. C. Chermside, who commands the division at Springfontein, is co-operating with Major-General Brabant.

BOER COMMANDANTS IN CONFERENCE.

PRESIDENT KRUGER ATTENDS.

REPORTED INTENTION TO RETREAT.

LONDON, April 16.

A conference of Boer Commandants has been held at Brandfort, the Boers entrenched position 34 miles north of Bloemfontein. President Kruger was present at the meeting.

It is reported that at the conference the Transvaal Boers decided to withdraw towards the Vet River, 20 miles from Brandfort, and to retire across the Vaal River if they should be pressed, leaving the Free Staters to their fate.

THE ENEMY'S POSITION AT BRANDFORT.

RECONNOITRED BY KITCHENER'S HORSE.

LONDON, April 16.

A patrol of Kitchener's Horse has reconnoitred from the Glen Camp across the Modder to within six miles of Brandfort.

It is estimated that there are only 2000 Boers in laager in that position.

AUSTRALIANS IN AMBUSH.

THREE BOERS CAPTURED.

LONDON, April 16.

A force of Australians formed an ambush near the Glen Camp, and a number of Boers were surprised. Three of the Johannesburg police were captured.

THE RAIDS BY THE BOERS.

EXPECTED BY LORD ROBERTS.

LONDON, April 15.

The "Times" states that Lord Roberts expected that raiding by the enemy would commence the moment his advance halted. Half the enemy's object failed, the "Times" says, on Lord Roberts refusing to engage the raiding parties.

THE WARRENTON TRENCHES SHELLED.

LONDON, April 15.

On Friday the British trenches at Warrenton, on the railway north of Kimberley, were heavily shelled by the Boers.

No harm, however, resulted.

LORD METHUEN AT ZWARTKOPJESFONTEIN.

RETREAT OF THE ENEMY.

LONDON, April 15.

Owing to complications in the vicinity of Zwartkopjesfontein, where Lord Methuen is now posted, he sent a flying column to the east of his position.

The enemy retreated the moment it was outflanked.

CARNARVON REBEL DISTRICT.

OCCUPIED BY AUSTRALIANS AND CANADIANS.

A TOILSOME MARCH.

CAPTURE OF REBELS.

GALLANT RESCUE FROM DROWNING.

LONDON, April 16.

The Western Australian and the Canadian troops have returned to De Aar after pacifying an extensive rebel division around Kenhardt, in the Carnarvon district, north-western Cape Colony.

During the time they were on the expedition the colonials marched 500 miles along heavy roads and in rains, which for violence were unprecedented.

The average rate of marching was 100 miles per week.

The men and the horses endured the hardships of the march well.

The New Zealand Second Contingent accompanied the force on the outward march.

Eight of the New Zealand Contingent, under Lieutenant Crawshaw, entered Kenhardt unopposed on April 1.

The party captured nine rebels, many rifles, and 16,000 rounds of ammunition.

While crossing the Harte Beeste River Lieutenant Findlay and Corporal Neale (New Zealanders) were swept away, and were nearly drowned.

Sergeant Street and Private Cassidy seeing the peril of their comrades leaped into the river and brought the drowning men to shore.

Private Cassidy swam ashore, carrying Lieutenant Findlay. For this brave act he was promoted to the rank of sergeant, and is to be recommended for the medal of the Royal Humane Society.

TWO REBEL DISTRICTS.

ALARMING SYMPTOMS.

LONDON, April 15.

The Capetown correspondent of the "Daily Mail" states that there are sensational indications of a rebellious spirit in the Caledon Division, 81 miles south-east of Capetown, and in the Swellendam district, about 180 miles east of the capital.

The rebels, the "Daily News" correspondent states, are only awaiting a favourable opportunity to rise.

BOSHOF MADE A BASE.

LONDON, April 15.

Boshof, north east of Kimberley, which was recently occupied by Lord Methuen, has been made a base for British operations. Lieutenant-Colonel Kekewich is in command of the base.

A DIAMOND MINE-OWNER CAPTURED.

LONDON, April 16.

The Boers have captured Mr. Frank Smith, the owner of a diamond mine at Barkly West.

BOER TREATMENT OF COLONIAL PRISONERS.

STRONG REMONSTRANCE FROM LORD ROBERTS.

LONDON, April 16.

President Kruger is treating the colonial prisoners at Pretoria as criminals and he refuses to supply them with medicine.

Lord Roberts has addressed a strong remonstrance to President Kruger on the subject.

THE ST. HELENA PRISONERS.

DARING ATTEMPTED ESCAPE.

LONDON, April 16.

Colonel Schiel and two other Boer prisoners at St. Helena made a daring attempt to escape from the island aboard a Dutch cruiser which was in the harbour.

The three men have been consequently confined in the St. Helena citadel.

SIR G. S. WHITE AT SOUTHAMPTON.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC OVATION.

LONDON, April 15.

Lieutenant-General Sir G. S. White, the defender of Ladysmith, has arrived at Southampton, where he has been accorded an enthusiastic ovation.

Sir G. S. White, on landing, received 1000 telegrams of congratulation, including a message from the Queen.

BOER PEACE DELEGATES.

LONDON, April 15.

The Boer delegates, who will propose terms of peace, Messrs. A. Fischer, Wolmarans, and Wessels, have started from Milan for The Hague.

Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal Plenipotentiary to Europe, who met the delegates at Milan, will accompany them as far as Brussels.

THE SITUATION.

MOVEMENTS IN THE WEST.

Slowly but surely the pressure of Lord Roberts's army is making itself felt. Whilst a force sufficient to overwhelm any number of troops the Boers can muster is concentrated at Bloemfontein, a military base is being established at Boshof, under the command of Colonel Kekewich, whose powers of organisation and military defence were so magnificently illustrated during the siege of Kimberley. This is another step in the gradual British advance, not appreciably important perhaps as far as immediate purposes are concerned, but indicative of further developments essential to the campaign in the west. The new base will be only 40 miles from Christiana across the Vaal. Lord Methuen has already advanced towards a more easterly point of the Transvaal border. With a base at Boshof and a strong column taking up positions between the Free State railway and the Cape western railway in the direction of Hoopstad, it is apparent that Lord Methuen's division will usefully co-operate in the projected movements which will have Bloemfontein as their centre. The north-easterly advance renders it necessary for the Boers to guard the Vaal for a considerable distance east of the western railway. Although they have come south of the river and have endeavoured to harass the British advance, their progress into the Free State will be checked by Lord Methuen's column. President Kruger has attended a conference of commandants at Brandfort, and it is reported that the Transvaalers have decided to withdraw to the Vet River, and to retire across the Vaal if they are pressed, leaving the Free Staters to their fate. The Vet River is crossed by the railway at a point about 51 miles north of Bloemfontein, in the neighbourhood of Winburg. We have little faith in reports of Boer intentions; but whether this report is true or not, the sphere of operations will before long be extended beyond the Vet River, and in that case Lord Methuen will be in a position to protect the British left flank from any movement on the part of the Boers who were reported to have fixed their headquarters at Bloemhof. The British are still in possession of Warrenton, two miles south of the Vaal and on the Capetown-Mafeking railway. Their trenches were heavily shelled on Friday, but no damage was done. The Boers who endeavoured to harass Lord Methuen's column at Zwartkopjesfontein, between Boshof and Hoopstad, retreated as soon as a flying column attempted to outflank them. They are evidently beginning to realise that the presence of a strong column in the north-west of the Free State is a danger to their plan of defence.

Extensive reconnaissances are always suggestive of a general advance. A patrol of Kitchener's Horse has penetrated to within six miles of Brandtfort, or it covered the country for a distance of nearly 30 miles north of Bloemfontein, and a laager estimated to contain only 2000 Boers was discovered. Near Glen, on the Modder, a party of Australians ambushed and captured three of the Johannesburg police, who were probably acting as scouts for the enemy. These are the main features of the cables so far as they relate to Lord Roberts's main position. There is, however, additional news regarding Wepener. As the result of four days' fighting at this isolated outpost, 18 of the British were killed and 132 wounded. The enemy seems to have suffered more severely, and is reported to be fatigued and despondent. Several of his guns were disabled, and his wounded included four commandants. The most important circumstance of the Wepener incident is that there is a possibility of the besiegers having their retreat cut off. It is believed that they are in fear of being surrounded. Major-General Brabant started from Aliwal North on Saturday. He will go first to Rouxville and then to Wepener. Major-General Chermside is co-operating in the movement; so that two British columns are marching on Wepener—one from the south and the other from the west. The probability is that the Boers have already commenced a retirement to the north—their only possible line of escape. Colonel Dalgetty's force consists mainly of mounted men belonging to Cape Colony.

PACIFYING THE REBELS.

A force of colonials has returned to De Aar after having made a splendid march in the north-western districts of Cape Colony. It travelled 500 miles, at an average rate of 100 miles per week, under the most disadvantageous conditions—heavy roads, and what are described as "unprecedented rains." Eight New Zealanders occupied Kenhardt unopposed on April 1. They arrested nine rebels and captured many rifles, besides 16,000 rounds of ammunition. In the Caledon and Swellendam districts, the "Daily News" reports, there are sensational indications of a rebellious spirit. The rebels, it is said, are waiting a favourable opportunity. We have already had sufficient indications of a rebellious spirit in Cape Colony. It manifested itself at every point where the Boers invaded the territory, and it disappeared as soon as the success of the British forces was established. The history of the war shows that rebellion will spread in proportion as the prospects of the Boers winning in the end are favourable. The Dutch are a discreet people. Whatever threats are made, Afrikanders who have enjoyed full liberties, are not likely to start a rebellion that would be crushed at the outset. If the opportunity occurred in the shape of British disasters elsewhere, they might be eager to throw in their lot with the Boers, not merely on account of racial sympathy, but because it would be necessary for them in their own interests to do so. British policy in South Africa has taught us that the Dutch element of the population will be as law-abiding as were the Afrikanders before the war, if Great Britain shows her strength and treats them fairly, whilst their sentimental regard for independence and the supremacy of their own race will cause them to take advantage of a policy of weakness. A recent Boer estimate gave the Dutch population of Cape Colony as 70,000 in excess of the English, but in a population roughly approaching to half a million with over a million blacks, whose sympathies are mainly British, it is apparent that the Cape Dutch, however perfect their secret organisation, will have some difficulty in starting a revolution that would for any time jeopardise British interests. With the consciousness of ultimate British success in the war they are likely to be careful not to risk disfranchisement or the confiscation of their properties. It has been decided to deal firmly with the rebels. The determination to court-martial them has not in the present position of affairs, it is apparent, been adopted too soon.

Lord Roberts has remonstrated with President Kruger for treating colonial prisoners as criminals and refusing to supply them with medicines. The colonials referred to are no doubt South Africans. It is worth mentioning that Colonel Schiel and two others made a daring attempt to escape from St. Helena by means of a Dutch cruiser in the harbour. How the cruiser would have fared had it got away from the island with the colonel is a matter which may afford scope for interesting conjecture.

IMPERIAL BUSHMEN'S CONTINGENT.

THE TRANSPORTS FOR THE OTHER COLONIES.

It was stated in yesterday's "Herald" that the colonies of Victoria and Queensland objected to the transports which are to take their troops to South Africa either coaling in Sydney or taking in produce here, on account of fear of the plague. The Premier yesterday had an interview with the Admiralty authorities on the matter. Eventually arrangements were made that the steamers should coal here, but that the fodder should be supplied and the horse fittings erected by the respective colonies.

IN THE OTHER COLONIES.

BRISBANE, Monday.

The principal incident to-day in connection with the camp of the Imperial Bushmen was the visit of the new commandant, Colonel Finn, who unofficially inspected the camp. During the drill Private Joseph Carter, described as a station hand from the Western district, sustained a fracture of the clavicle through the horse falling on him. The weather at the camp last night and to-day was boisterous, owing to the strong wind, but a fair number of visitors were present. Most attention on all parades has been paid to teaching the horses to lead and the men to shoot with satisfactory results. The absence of definite news as to the date of the departure caused some grumbling, but the news regarding the movements of the transports should do away with this. Colonel Lyster expects to join the camp on Thursday next. It is understood that the commandant approves of his going.

PATRIOTIC FUND.

MUDGEE, Monday.

A demonstration in aid of the Patriotic Fund was held to-day. A procession headed by the band of the fire brigade, volunteers, the cadets, the friendly societies, formed at the Oddfellows Hall, and marched to the show ground, where a sports' programme was carried out. The attendance was marred by the weather, which was bleak and cold.

CANDELO, Monday.

The Candelo ladies journeyed to Bemboka, and played a cricket match to-day against the ladies of Bemboka in aid of the Patriotic Fund. The match resulted in a win for Bemboka.

NEW ZEALAND THIRD CONTINGENT.

AUCKLAND, Monday.

A telegram from the Commandant of the Third New Zealand Contingent states that it has been ordered north from East London.

NEW SOUTH WALES MOUNTED INFANTRY.

The Premier has received telegrams from South Africa stating that Private S. M'Lennan died of wounds at Arundel on February 28, and also that Private J. Tarlington, of the New South Wales Mounted Infantry, was severely wounded at Karee Siding on April 18.

MUDGEE, Monday.

Much sympathy is felt here for the relatives of Trooper Bonnor, killed, and Troopers T. Wessel and H. Martin, wounded in South Africa, who were from this district.

THE SUSTENANCE OF CAPTIVES.

The course that the war is taking brings into prominence (the "Westminster Gazette" states) the serious practical problem as to what the British commanders are to do with their prisoners. The "Law Journal" points out that, apart from the familiar alternatives of ransom, release on parole, and exchange (due regard being had to equality of exchange), modern international practice imposes upon the captor the duty of providing food and clothing for his captives. In earlier days it seems to have been customary for each belligerent to supply sustenance for its captured subjects—a balance of accounts being struck from time to time. But with the more rapid methods of warfare now in vogue this procedure has gone out of use. The captor may, however, recoup himself partially or wholly by putting his prisoners to any work suitable to their rank and circumstances.

LATEST NEWS BY THE MAIL.

WITH LORD ROBERTS.

ENTRY INTO BLOEMFONTEIN.

"BANJO" PATERSON FIRST IN.

SCENES OF INTENSE ENTHUSIASM.

IRRESISTIBLE WAVE OF INFANTRY.

RELEASE OF FOUR HEROES.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

English files to March 16 per the R.M.S. Arcadia, which arrived at Melbourne to-day, contain the following items of war news:—

(By Reuter's Correspondent.)

BLOEMFONTEIN, March 13.

The culmination of Lord Roberts's strategy and splendid generalship was reached to-day, when the British force entered Bloemfontein practically unopposed, and the sight of the British flag flying over the Presidency outbalanced the previous reverses suffered by our arms, inasmuch as to-day's ceremony signified to all intents and purposes the collapse of the Free State. Last night Lord Roberts, with Generals Kelly-Kenny and Colvile's divisions, the Guards Brigade, and the Mounted Infantry, lay at Venters Vlei, about 14 miles off, while General French, having cut the railway and telegraph lines, had experienced a slight skirmish with the enemy holding the kopjes on the south-east side of the town. Early this morning the first cavalry brigade moved forward, and occupied slowly several kopjes to the east of the town, which they commanded. The enemy still remained in position on the kopjes to the south-west, but the Horse Artillery, with a few well-placed shells, soon drove them off. General French then sent out scouts and patrols to feel the way to the town, and, perceiving this, Mr. A. B. Paterson, correspondent of the "Sydney Morning Herald," together with the correspondent of the "Daily News" and myself, galloped forward and entered the town after a hard race, which the Australian pressman won. At the entrance to the town two bicyclists, who in their fright let their bicycles fall, held up their hands in token of surrender, and we then slackened our pace and at once entered the town. We found it wearing its everyday aspect. People were shopping and taking their morning walks, indeed they did not seem to regard us at all as strangers. Gradually, however, people who had seen us galloping across the plain from the direction of the British army arrived, and then it rapidly became known that we were the forerunners of the British occupation. We were greeted everywhere cordially and respectfully, and soon arrived at the Market-square. Thence we were conducted to the club, where we met Mr. Fraser, a member of the Executive, the Mayor of Bloemfontein, the Acting Government Secretary, the Landdrost, and other officials. We persuaded them to take carriages out to meet the British force, and this they accordingly did. Half-way out we met Lieutenant Chester Masters with three of the Rimington Scouts, and he was the first British officer victoriously to enter Bloemfontein. Gradually, as we crossed the plain towards the kopjes where the British artillery was stationed, we could perceive the cavalry closing in round the town like a huge net. When we arrived opposite the kopje where Lord Roberts was stationed the carriages stopped. I then rode up to the kopje and had the honour of announcing to Lord Roberts that Bloemfontein surrendered. A little later, the official deputation having arrived, advanced to the Commander-in-Chief, who went forward to meet them. The scene was picturesque in the extreme. On a kopje characteristic of those eminences so beloved by the Boers, only a few yards away were the guns of T battery pointing their grim mouths towards the late Boer position, while the zinc roofs of Bloemfontein shone in the distance. When the deputation arrived in front of Lord Roberts the members saluted him most respectfully, and one of their number standing forward declared that the town was without defence, and wished to surrender, at the same time expressing the hope that the British Commander-in-Chief would protect the lives and property of the inhabitants. Lord Roberts replied that provided no further opposition was offered he would undertake to guarantee the lives and property of the people. The interview altogether was of a most cordial character. There was nothing of sullenness in the demeanour of the deputation, whose members rather struck one as being greatly relieved by the presence of the British troops. Lord Roberts informed the deputation that it was his intention to enter the capital in state, and thereupon the deputation departed to inform the townspeople.

A little delay followed while Lord Roberts made the necessary military dispositions, ordering the 1st Brigade to follow and take possession of the town. The Commander-in-Chief and his staff, with military attachés, then descended the kopje. Having arrived on the plain they waited there until the cavalry approached, and then proceeded towards Bloemfontein across the plain, the order being:—First, Lord Roberts and his personal staff, then the general staff and military attachés. As the procession, headed by Lord Roberts and his staff, approached the town a great commotion was observable. Mr. Collins, the Free State Secretary, met the Commander-in-Chief and conducted him into the town, where great numbers of the inhabitants, including men, women, and children, were awaiting his arrival. Here a great surprise was in store for us. Instead of sullen, scowling faces we saw only bright looks and fluttering handkerchiefs, while our ears were greeted with wild cheers. Amidst such rejoicings Lord Roberts reached the Market-square, whence he proceeded to the Parliament House, and thence to the Presidency. There was there a fresh and yet more impressive outburst of enthusiasm as Lord Roberts entered the front garden of ex-President Steyn's residence. The large crowd outside suddenly started "God Save the Queen," and sang the National Anthem from beginning to end, with tremendous cheering. Captain Lord George Scott followed Lord Roberts bearing a silken Union Jack, which had been worked by Lady Roberts, and in one corner of which was a four-leaved shamrock embroidered. With the aid of Commander the Hon. J. Fortescue, R.N., he bent the flag to the halyard, and amid hurrahs ran the Union Jack up over the town of Bloemfontein. The scene which followed will remain engraved on the memory of all who witnessed it. Half a troop of cavalry faced the gates of the Presidency. The crowd, turning round, appeared to be struck with the begrimmed, unshaven faces of the troopers in their soiled and patched khaki uniforms, everything about them showing signs of hard fighting. Acting apparently upon the impulse of the moment, the crowd roared forth the song "Tommy Atkins," and then "Soldiers of the Queen." The men sat bolt upright on their horses, and even their stolid faces relaxed at this tribute of admiration.

A visit was paid to the gaol, where four men were found who had been imprisoned for refusing to fight the British. They were at once released. Gradually that portion of the troops necessary to man the northern heights passed through the town, meeting everywhere with a reception which could only be described as enthusiastic. The horse batteries were received with particular warmth. The contrast between the well-fed, comfortable-looking citizens and the gaunt, gallant gunners mounted on horses worn by excessive work, marching stolidly past without betraying the slightest emotion, was most striking. By this time the plain outside the town was filling with regiments of infantry and the immense transport train necessary for the supply of the force. As the masses of men, waggons, and animals debouched from behind the ridges they gave the distant spectator an impression of water poured on to the plain, and rolling slowly but irresistibly in a mighty wave towards the town. Gradually out of chaos emerged order, as each brigade with its transport established itself in its own lines. Running regular and straight for miles from the high kopje near the town could be seen remote in the distance a long serpent, representing regiment after regiment marching upon Bloemfontein, cutting off the railway line north and south, and resulting in the capture of a fair amount of rolling stock and a few engines; but it is reported there are still more between here and the Orange River.

General Joubert was expected here early this morning, but blowing up the line to the south of the town prevented his arrival. He remains at Brandtfort, with 2000 men from Natal.

OFFICERS FOR THE WAR.

CAPTAIN E. W. R. SOANE.

Captain Ernest William Reading Soane, Reserve of Officers, who has received the command of D squadron of the Imperial Bushmen's Contingent, is a native of Geurie, New South Wales. He has been for years engaged in station life in various parts of the country. He is an old volunteer, and passed his military course for his captaincy in the 3rd Regiment with honours in 1895. He was transferred to the Reserve of Officers in 1896.

CAPTAIN T. W. K. WALDRON.

Captain Thomas Walter King Waldron, the O.C. K company (Penrith) of the 3rd Regiment, and who has been appointed a squadron leader in the Imperial Bushmen's Contingent, is a native of Kiama, having been born there in 1870. He was educated at the Sydney Grammar School, and afterwards went to the University, taking his B.A. degree in 1891 and his LL.B. degree two years later. On the death of his brother, Mr. G. C. K. Waldron, late city solicitor, he entered the firm of Waldron and Dawson, solicitors, the latter gentleman being now the city solicitor. Captain Waldron joined the 3rd Regiment as a captain in December, 1897. He is unmarried and comes of a fighting family, his grandfather having served in the Peninsular War.

CAPTAIN HENRY HAMILTON BROWNE.

Captain H. H. Browne was born in Morpeth in 1864, and is by profession a contractor. He was one of the first volunteers for a position in this contingent, and has been in camp for some time now, working hard throughout. He is the only civilian rewarded with the post of troop leader, and judging by his stamina and the ability he has shown whilst under canvas he should make a successful captain. A good many years ago he was connected with the Sydney Lancers, when first formed. His late uncles were General Walter Browne, C.B., and Colonel Birnie Browne, so that he comes of a fighting stock.

W.O. WALTER BUTLER.

The regimental Sergeant-major of the Bushmen, W.O. Walter Butler, is the beau ideal of such an officer. He is a single man, 37 years of age, and a splendid specimen of the cavalry soldier. Lieutenant-Colonel Mackay was not long in recognising his quality, and the chief non-commissioned officer is decidedly popular with the troopers. W.O. Butler is a Scotchman, having been born near Dundee, and his father was captain and adjutant of the Forfarshire Artillery Volunteers. W.O. Butler enlisted in 1878 in the 36th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers, and later on he joined the famous 42nd or Black Watch. In 1887 he enlisted in the Royal Scots Greys, and gradually worked his way up to the position of sergeant-major. Early in the nineties he was the champion mile walker of the British army, likewise the champion middle and heavy-weight boxer. He retired from his regiment in 1893, and was for some time riding master in one of the military riding schools. Later on he visited South Africa, travelling through Natal and the Transvaal, and visiting the battlefields in the first Transvaal War. He has met Kruger, Cronje, Dr. Jameson, and other notorieties. He came to Sydney in January, 1899, and volunteered his services for the 1st Australian Horse last December, when he was at once taken on to the permanent staff as sergeant-major. Immediately on his arrival at the Bushmen's camp at Rookwood to instruct the men he received the position of regimental sergeant-major.

LORD METHUEN'S REPORT ON HIS DEFEAT.

The "London Gazette" of March 16 publishes (the "San Francisco Call" states) General Lord Methuen's report of the actions at Magersfontein December 10 and 11, dated from Modder River February 15. After explaining the difficulties of an attempt to outflank 16,000 Boers, and arguing that a blow dealt at the Boer centre at Magersfontein would be more effective, he says his orders were to relieve Kimberley, and therefore the day the last reinforcements arrived he decided to attack Magersfontein Kopje. The general then proceeds to describe the artillery bombardment of the position, and how the Highland Brigade was led to the point of assault after the late Major-General Andrew G. Wauchope had previously explained all he intended to do and the particular part each battalion was expected to play. Lord Methuen then says: "Two rifles accidentally went off, and the flashes from a lantern gave the enemy timely notice of the march." The report then proceeds to show that General Wauchope deployed his men too late, and suddenly the Boers poured in a heavy fire. Colonel Hughes-Hallet immediately ordered the Seaforths to charge, and the other commanders followed suit. At this moment some one gave word to retire, and part of the Black Watch rushed back through the ranks of the Seaforths. Colonel Hughes-Hallet ordered the latter to lie down and not retire. After a while the colonel again tried to reach the trenches 400 yards off, but the officers and half the men fell before the heavy fire which opened after the men moved. Ten minutes later the Seaforths tried another rush, with the same result. Colonel Hughes-Hallet then decided to await orders. After describing sending the Gordons and Guards to support the Highland Brigade, Lord Methuen continues:—"At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the Seaforths were exposed to a heavy crossfire, the order to retire was given, and the greater part of the casualties then occurred. This was an unfortunate retirement for Hallet. He received instructions to remain in his position until dusk, and the enemy were then quitting the trenches in tens and twenties. Wauchope told me in the evening of December 10 that he quite understood his orders and made no further remarks. He died at the head of his brigade, where his name will always remain honoured and respected. His high military reputation and attainments disarm all criticism. Every soldier in my division deplores his loss. He was a fine soldier and a true comrade. The attack failed. The Highlanders were ready enough to rally, but the paucity of the officers and the non-commissioned officers made it difficult. I attach no blame to this splendid brigade." The report then proceeds to pay a high tribute to the conduct of all the troops under conditions as hard as can be imagined, and mentions specially a number of officers and men for distinguished acts of courage already recorded in the newspaper despatches.

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT.

THE FIRST MAN FROM LADYSMITH.

A lady who had been staying at Nottingham-road, a station on the railway to Ladysmith, but was more recently at Durban, writes from that city under date of March 7 to a friend in Sydney as follows:—

"While we were still rejoicing over Cronje's surrender and the relief of Kimberley, the glorious news came down the line on the morning of the 1st that Buller had entered Ladysmith during the night. I cannot tell you how the news was received—it seemed too great and good to be true. Everybody had longed and prayed and looked so anxiously for the relief, and time after time nothing but terrible tales of reverse had come down from the relieving column, to be soon followed by long, slow trains of wounded and dying, till hearts grew heavy with waiting and eyes too sad for tears. But the waiting had grown so long that many almost feared the news they wished to hear, for we knew that sickness was rife, and that all medical comforts had 'run out,' and that frequent battles were fought, but no casualty list. I heard from Durban that when the news first came down there seemed to fall a great silence over the town, and it was not till some time after that cheers were heard, and flags flew up, church bells, steam whistles, fog horns, tom-toms, guns, dinner gongs, and every imaginable sound of rejoicing was heard, while excited individuals rushed to telephone congratulations, and little boys yelled 'Soldiers of the Queen.' At the camp at Mooi River, Ray Williams (late of Sydney), being on duty at the signals, was the first to get the news for the whole camp there, and he felt a strong inclination to 'dance on his head' as he went down the hill to proclaim the good news. During that night we had a visit from the first man out of Ladysmith. He had walked all the way to Colenso and taken the first train, arriving at Nottingham-road soon after 1 a.m. The poor man look awful—hollow-cheeked and bent, and eyes dark-ringed and starting. The tales of suffering and heroism make the tears come to our eyes and our hearts ache. 'Well, how much longer could you have held out?' we asked one of the men. 'It would have been just possible for 16 days; but, then, every trace of food would have been cleared out,' he answered; 'and it had been agreed that if in six days more we were not relieved we were to try and cut our way through.' Most of the men were so weak with starvation and sickness that they could scarcely stand, much less walk, and they had to be carried by mule cart to their patrol posts. One regiment, however, had been kept all the time on full rations, also their horses, so that when the time came that they must cut their way through, these men should go in front and bear the full brunt, to give the rest a better chance. They say Tommy Atkins was a hero, and the discipline splendid; though half-starving, not the smallest attempt was made at looting. Fowls were walking about, but they had been 'commandeered' for the sick, and not one was touched for any other purpose. Little unpalatable brown-looking loaves were made out of husks and sodden, evil-smelling mealie meal—which the cattle had refused—and one of these was given each day to be divided between four, along with 2oz. of sour mealie meal and 1lb. of mule flesh. There were no medical comforts. The nurses were without either shoes or stockings. The morning after the relief, when General Buller's men marched through the town, General White sat on his horse for two hours in the blazing sun. Once he fainted, and his horse, being one of those which had been fed, shied, and he fell off, but being helped on again sat like a hero right through the review. Many of the men sat along the curb stones waiting, too weak to stand except when absolutely necessary. They had just one or two rounds of ammunition left, but none for the artillery except a little which they were keeping for the day they must cut their way through, just to make a show before the Boers and keep a little of their attention. This man told us that if it had come to that each man would have put forth every spark of life and fought to the death that day. They say that if only the Boers had had pluck enough to rush the open they could have taken the town; but they would not leave the shelter of the hills. I have not yet mentioned that Boer women were fighting. I have spoken to several who have seen them with their own eyes. Dr. C—— here saw them firing from the trenches. One of our men said he didn't mind fighting men but it made him sick to see women, aye, and little children, on the field! Another said, 'You know, it's so awkward! What's a fellow to do when he jumps into a trench and finds a woman there?' Many men's lives have been lost because they ceased firing on seeing the women. And the women are as good shots as the men. One woman, dying, said she had been forced against her will to fight by her husband. Others came to celebrate Majuba. One man said that a comrade charging the trenches saw a woman with a rifle, but passed her by, for he could not hurt her. As soon as he had turned away she fired and shattered his arm. Turning, he killed her. A friend of ours heard the women say that if the men would kill the soldiers they themselves would undertake to kill every English woman. The way the captain of the Powerful's naval men manipulated the solitary 'Long Tom' they had at Ladysmith, changing its position from time to time, and deluding the Boer artillerists into firing upon the dummies they manufactured to take the place recently vacated by the genuine article, is an instance of naval resourcefulness and humour. To watch the Boers pouring shell after shell upon a hastily manufactured dummy, while the original gun was calmly shelling from a fresh position must have amused Jack Tar immensely. No wonder the enemy were under the impression that Ladysmith garrison had Long Toms galore, instead of one solitary specimen of the race. The ammunition was running dangerously short in the end. Indeed, the last shells were fired on the morning following the relief of the town."

FEDERATION.

THE TWO AMENDMENTS.

In view of the position which has been reached in negotiation between the Australian delegates and the Colonial Office in London with regard to amendments in the Commonwealth Bill, we have collated from the official records of the Federal Conventions of 1891 and 1897-8 the following history of the appeal sections of the draft constitution. It will be seen that from the very beginning, from the day when Sir Henry Parkes introduced his Resolutions upon which was based the subsequent draft of a Commonwealth Bill, the creation of a Supreme Court of Appellate and original jurisdiction was contemplated, and not only so, but a court of final appeal, the very words of the Resolutions. We shall likewise find that from 1891 to 1898, whenever and by whomsoever introduced, amendments tending to destroy the complete appellate function of the Supreme or, as it afterwards was called, the High Court were defeated, and throughout all the Convention proceedings there was a preponderating sense that in the interpretation of the Australian constitution, the relations of States among themselves, and other important subjects, the new tribunal should be made a final court, and that the right of appeal to the Privy Council should be limited, though it was not taken away. The foremost political leaders and the leaders of the various Bars will be found right onwards from 1891 supporting this essential portion of Australian autonomy. Two referendums and the Premier's conference also approved this section without change. Even men who at one stage or another favoured the unaltered right of appeal are now agreed that the arrangement in the bill is a satisfactory one, and that the bill should therefore be given to the Australian people as they adopted it at two successive referendums. Sir George Turner, who, in 1897, moved at Adelaide to restore the appeal to the Privy Council, is thus reported in the "Melbourne Argus," of Tuesday:—"The bill should be passed as it is, and the proposed amendment with regard to the question of appeal should not be accepted. I am one of those who opposed the alteration in the matter of appeal, desiring that the right of appeal should remain under the Commonwealth exactly as it is to-day. But now that a new plan has been provided for in the bill, I think we should endeavour by every means to get it carried."

THE QUESTION OF APPEALS.

When on April 6, 1891, the first Federal Convention at Sydney got to chapter 3 of the draft Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia Sir Henry (then Mr.) Wrixon and Sir George (then Mr.) Dibbs took exception to clause 6, which stood in these words:—"Notwithstanding the provisions of the two last preceding sections, or of any law made by the Parliament of the Commonwealth in pursuance thereof, the Queen may in any case in which the public interests of the Commonwealth, or of any State, or of any other part of the Queen's dominions, are concerned, grant leave to appeal to herself in Council against any judgment of the Supreme Court of Australia." The objection to this clause was that it took away the individual right of appeal to the Privy Council, and Mr. Wrixon moved to omit the words "in which the public interests of the Commonwealth, or of any State, or of any other part of the Queen's dominions are concerned," the intention being to permit appeals in all cases whatsoever. By 19 votes to 17 the amendment was rejected. Among the majority were Mr. Barton, Sir George Grey, Sir Samuel Griffith, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Kingston, Sir Henry Parkes, and Mr. M'Millan. With the minority were Mr. Dibbs, Mr. J. Forrest, and Mr. Wrixon. The clause therefore stood as proposed.

MR. BARTON'S ARGUMENT.

Turning to the general debate on the resolutions we may quote some remarks by Mr. Barton (6th March, 1891) which show the reasons by which the framers of the bill of 1891 were moved to restrain the right of appeal:—

"Now, with regard to the judiciary—and I hope that now I have come near to the close of my remarks. It is no use, I take it, our establishing a Federal Supreme Court if it is to have merely the academical functions of a court of appeal, if the term is admissible. . . . I see that is proposed that this Supreme Court, this federal judiciary, is to constitute a High Court of Appeal for Australia, under the direct authority of the sovereign, whose decisions shall be final. It was well pointed out by the mover of the resolutions that the endeavour to get rid of the jurisdiction of the Privy Council for the Dominion of Canada was a fruitless one, because the Imperial Government refused to assent to such a transfer of power. Whether they would assent to such a transfer of power now seems very doubtful. By precedent they would not; but I do hope that the mere fact that the action of the Imperial Government has in a previous case been against the granting of any such power will not deter the framers of this constitution from inserting provisions which will claim the power. It may be refused, and if it is refused the refusal may be provocative of more or less dissatisfaction; but that it is a power to ask for, and a power that will be beneficial when gained, I have not the remotest doubt. Of course, there may be exceptions, as the hon. member, Mr. Deakin, has so well pointed out, in cases where Imperial interests are concerned, or in cases—but I am more doubtful as regards following his argument in this part of it—in cases where the stability and uniformity of interpretation in matters of common law may be endangered by not resorting to the Privy Council. In the first case there may be an exception, but with regard to all other cases I trust that this Convention, and the Parliaments to whom its conclusions are to be presented, will use their utmost efforts to secure the abolition of the jurisdiction of the Privy Council and the transfer of supreme authority to the colonial judiciary, which I am sure will be beneficial to the whole of the colonies. I say this without attempting to derogate from the authority of the Privy Council, but those who have watched the course of its decisions are aware that that tribunal is not always constituted in its best aspect; that there are occasions when that board—because it is a board—is presided over by Judges who, whether as regards their past judicial career, or, at any rate in some cases, as regards their existing capacity, would not be one whit superior, but—I almost tremble to say it—are not equal to the class of Judges to be found in this continent to constitute a Federal Supreme Court. I feel no doubt at all that from the ranks of the very eminent members of the Bar and of members of the amalgamated profession, as probably it may be, in these colonies there is ample material to be found for the constitution of a Supreme Court of Appeal to which no citizen of Australia need fear to entrust the final adjudication of his claims; and I feel equally sure that the institution of a change such as this will be hailed with loud acclaim as one, if not of the most valuable provisions in principle in the constitution, yet as one of the most beneficially workable provisions which will accompany it."

IN THE SECOND CONVENTION.

We must now turn to the second Federal Convention. On April 20, 1897, at Adelaide, the section relating to the judicature came under review. It was then the 73rd clause, and in the process of redrafting the bill of 1891 this provision, as Sir Samuel Griffith pointed out, had been changed materially in the wording, though not in the sense. This is how it stood when the Convention in committee dealt with it:—"No appeal shall be allowed to the Queen in Council from any court of any State, or from the High Court, or any other federal court, except that the Queen may, in any matter in which the public interests of the Commonwealth, or of any State, or of any other part of her dominions are concerned, grant leave to appeal to the Queen in Council from the High Court." Sir George Turner moved almost the very amendment moved six years previously by the then Mr. Wrixon, that is, to omit the words "may in any matter in which the public interests of the Commonwealth, or of any State, or of any part of her dominions are concerned." By 17 to 14 the amendment was rejected. Among the majority we again find Mr. Barton, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Kingston, and Mr. M'Millan, as well as Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Wise; with the minority Sir Joseph Abbott, Mr. Carruthers, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Walker. Sir Edward Braddon immediately opened a further discussion on the clause, and he and Sir Joseph Abbott, with other members of the Convention, strongly opposed the proposed limitation of the ordinary right of appeal to the Privy Council. The latter speaker used the following language about the proposed Federal Court:—

"The Supreme Courts of all the colonies are now respected, not because they give decisions of their own, but because they give decisions in accordance with the laws of the British Empire. But let us once set up this court of our own, which is not bound by any decisions of the Privy Council and it will never command the respect which the Supreme Courts at present command throughout Australia. The very fact that they command respect is because they are guided by the principles laid down by the highest court in the British Empire. But this proposed court will not be guided by any such principles. This court will do, as I have heard some lawyers say, what they like. They may say that the Privy Council does not know anything about Australian matters; that the Privy Council does not know the circumstances under which a decision was given. One of the ablest Judges in New South Wales has said—I will not say he said it publicly, because he was too wise to do that, but he has nevertheless said it—that the Privy Council was wrong, and that the Supreme Court was right. But whether right or wrong we have the advantage that uniformity of decisions results from following the decisions of the Privy Council. I am not one of those who believe that we are to place no restrictions upon these appeals. Some restrictions should be placed upon them. Too often an appeal to the Privy Council is used as a weapon, but we can restrict that to some extent, and I would much sooner see any number of restrictions placed upon these appeals than see the decisions of the highest court in the British Empire ignored for a Federal Court, which may mark out its own path without following precedents."

Mr. Reid on the other hand strongly defended the final appellate jurisdiction proposed to be given to the High Court. He said: "I do not underrate the gravity of this matter. It is really one of the most important matters we have to consider, and I also attach very great weight to the views which have been expressed in favour of preserving the right of appeal to the Privy Council. But it occurs to me that we really in this matter only have the choice

between a Federal Court of Appeal without an appeal to the Privy Council, or no Federal Court of Appeal at all. We have to look at this matter in the interests of the mass of persons who are engaged in litigation. Looking at this mass of persons and their interests, I believe that the Federal Supreme Court of Australia would be a decided boon to those persons. What we have to consider is this: Will the Federal Supreme Court give as much justice as any other tribunal of a similar kind? I think it will, and I believe its decisions will create uniformity within the Commonwealth. I think we all value our present privileges very much. I have, as I say, the greatest respect for the Privy Council. I would have still greater respect for some tribunal higher than that, and so on, and so on, but we have to consider the average litigants. They want justice, but cannot get justice; they want decisions as near their own homes as possible. The Privy Council is, so far as the mass of people are concerned, beyond their reach. They can never get there. The Federal High Court of Australia will be much more accessible to them. I believe in bringing an important superior tribunal as near the people of Australia as we can. The federal tribunal will, I know, be for a great many people too far away also, but, looking at the choice between the Privy Council and the Federal Court of Appeal, in the interests of the great masses of those who are unfortunate enough to become plaintiffs and defendants, I say again it is the choice between a Federal Court of Appeal or no Court of Appeal at all, as far as the bulk of the people are concerned. I admit that we shall require a Federal Court for other purposes. But I think this Convention will agree with me that we must decide this matter on the simple issue: Are we going to bring the final settlement of litigation nearer home to the Australian people? If so we must make the decisions of the Federal Court final; but if, on the other hand we think that the loss of the advantage of Privy Council decisions would be so great that it overbalances the advantage of bringing the final decision nearer home, then let us bid good-bye to the Federal Court of Appeal. We have to make our choice, either to leave things as they are and allow the people of several colonies to appeal from the local Supreme Courts to the Privy Council, or to make this Federal Court the tribunal of Australia. On the whole, while admitting that the arguments on the other side are very weighty, I am prepared to take the step of creating this local final tribunal."

Mr. J. H. Symon, Q.C., of Adelaide, who was throughout the Convention one of the strongest debaters on the side of the section as it stood and stands in the bill, declared that: "We have this morning with great care been constituting a High Court of Judicature for the federation; we have been establishing it with a minimum number of four Judges and a Chief Justice, we have been surrounding it with safeguards to secure its independence, to secure its integrity, and to secure its freedom from legislative domination. Then, if we are going to keep the Privy Council for all appeals we want no such Court; it is a useless expenditure of public money, because the State Courts will give their decisions, the subordinate Federal Courts will give their decisions, and if you are going to have an appeal to the Privy Council you want no Federal High Court at all."

After a full and interesting debate the Convention decided to retain the clause intact, on a division of 22 to 12. Mr. Reid had joined the majority, which included most of the leaders of the Australian Bar. The following is the division list:—Ayes: Mr. Barton, Sir Graham Berry, Mr. Clarke, Dr. Cockburn, Mr. Deakin, Sir John Downer, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Holder, Mr. Howe, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lewis, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peacock, Dr. Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Symon, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. Wise. Noes: Sir Joseph Abbott, Sir Edward Braddon, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Dobson, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Grant, Mr. Henry, Sir George Turner, Mr. Walker, Sir William Zeal.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S WARNING.

In the Sydney session of the Convention the clause was not reached, but at Melbourne the battle raged again. On March 11, 1898, the subject was renewed, and Sir Joseph Abbott in the course of a speech quoted some remark by Mr. Joseph Chamberlain upon the very matter in debate, which in the present circumstances have a peculiar interest. They were made by Mr. Chamberlain in the course of a conference with the Premiers in London in 1897. They are as follows:—

"May I note, in passing, a matter of some importance in regard to the proposed Australian Federation Bill? It appears in that bill to be suggested that if it is passed appeals should only go to the Privy Council upon constitutional questions. I venture, most respectfully, to urge the reconsideration of that suggestion. Nothing is more desirable in the interests of the colonies, in the interests of the United Kingdom and of the British Empire, than an uniformity of law, and that uniformity can only be obtained by occasional appeals to the highest tribunal, settling once for all the law for all parts of the Empire; and I confess I think it would be a great loss to the colonies if they surrendered the opportunity of getting this judicial decision upon difficult and complicated points of law which from time to time may arise in the local courts."

After a long discussion, which at times became heated and involved, the 74th clause of the Draft Bill was settled at the Melbourne Convention in the following form, in which it still remains:—"No appeal shall be permitted to the Queen in Council in any matter involving the interpretation of this Constitution, or of the Constitution of a State, unless the public interests of some part of her Majesty's dominions other than the Commonwealth or a State are involved. Except as provided in this section this Constitution shall not impair any right which the Queen may be pleased to exercise, by virtue of her Royal Prerogative, to grant special leave of appeal from the High Court to her Majesty in Council. But the Parliament may make laws limiting the matters in which such leave may be asked."

THE POSITION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The recent conference between Mr. Chamberlain and the Crown law advisers on the one part and the Australian delegates on the other concluded with a strong recommendation to the delegates and their Governments to make the amendment desired so as to permit of Western Australia coming in at once as an original State. As will be remembered, there were four amendments pressed by the joint committee of the two Houses of Legislature in Western Australia. One concerned the construction of a transcontinental railway by the Commonwealth, the next suspended the operation of the Inter-State Commission, the third was for division of the colony into districts for the election of senators, and the fourth was for control over local customs for five years instead of by a diminishing scale as in the bill. These four amendments have now dwindled to one. To put the case for Western Australia in a manner perfectly fair to her we cannot do better than quote the following passages from a letter which appeared in our columns on March 16 last, signed "A Member of the Parliament of Western Australia":—

"4. This brings me to the present position of the question in so far as Sir John Forrest's Government is concerned—and I find that the only obstacle to Western Australia joining the Commonwealth is a slight alteration of clause 95, which, as I have above stated, only continues in force for five years, and will then be spent.

"5. In order that it may be seen how slight the amendment which is required differs from the clause as it exists in the bill, I will here give the clause as it is in the bill, and also the clause as desired by the Western Australian Government:—

"Clause 95 as in the Commonwealth Bill. (a) 95. Notwithstanding anything in this Constitution, the Parliament of the State of Western Australia may, during the first five years after the imposition of uniform duties of customs, impose duties of customs on goods passing into that State and not originally imported from beyond the limits of the Commonwealth; and such duties shall be collected by the Commonwealth. But any duty so imposed on any goods shall not exceed, during the first of such years, the duty chargeable on the goods under the law of Western Australia in force at the imposition of uniform duties, and shall not exceed during the second, third, fourth, and fifth of such years respectively, four-fifths, three-fifths, two-fifths, and one-fifth of such latter duty; and all duties imposed under this section shall cease at the expiration of the fifth year after the imposition of uniform duties. If at any time during the five years the duty on any goods under this section is higher than the duty imposed by the Commonwealth on the importation of the like goods, then such higher duty shall be collected on the goods when imported into Western Australia from beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

"Clause 95 as it is Desired by the Government of Western Australia.—Strike out clause 95 in chapter IV. of the Commonwealth Bill, and in lieu thereof insert as follows:—(b) During a period of five years following the imposition by the Parliament of the Commonwealth of uniform duties of customs, the State of Western Australia may, notwithstanding anything in this Constitution, continue to receive the same duties of customs as are in force there at the passing of this Act, such duties to be collected by the Commonwealth. The Parliament of Western Australia may during that period repeal or alter, but may not increase, any of such duties; and at the end of the said period such duties shall absolutely cease. During the said period of five years all goods imported into the other States of the Commonwealth from Western Australia shall be subject to such duties of customs as the Parliament of the Commonwealth may impose."

THE AMENDMENTS DESIRED.

It would appear that the Crown law advisers want the omission of clause 74, or at least the final sentence, which is: "But the Parliament may make laws limiting the matters in which such leave may be asked." And to admit Western Australia clause 95 should be modified as above, with consequential amendments of no importance. The delegates, however, refuse to touch the bill. The Australian Premiers confer at Melbourne next week on the subject, but it must be observed that on the part of the popular bodies, as well as many federal delegates and leaders of public opinion generally in the federating States, the idea of amending the bill is regarded with disapproval and anxiety as to the fate of Australian federation under this bill.

THE COMMONWEALTH BILL AND THE PRIVY COUNCIL APPEAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Whilst giving every credit to the delegates in London for adhering faithfully to their instructions surely it will be quite reasonable for the Premiers in the approaching conference to reconsider the whole position and to modify instructions. Further light has been thrown on the situation by the attitude of the home authorities and, if I may say so, by South African developments. The draft Commonwealth Bill is not an Act of Parliament; it surely does not resemble the antiquated laws of the Medes and Persians, which professed to be unalterable, and it cannot for a moment be supposed that where Imperial interests are or may be involved the Imperial Parliament is merely to register the decree of an Australian referendum. Let me further explain.

The Commonwealth Bill is practically a provisional agreement, subject to Imperial sanction, between or amongst certain negotiating colonies, and as long as it concerns itself only with purely local administration the Imperial Parliament will doubtless give its consent; but where Imperial interests are involved the Imperial Parliament, it appears to me, has an indefeasible right to be consulted. Surely in the very nature of a union under the Crown the Crown must have a substantive voice before a modification of its prerogatives can be effected, and that is all, it seems to me, the Home Government insists upon. Such an alteration in the draft bill should not therefore, in the very nature of the proposed compact, necessitate a further referendum. Again, once the principle were admitted, that is of allowing a dependent federation to define authoritatively for itself its own position in relation to the royal prerogative, just glance at the possible consequences in other portions of her Majesty's dominions. Sooner or later we may look for a South African federation after a better and more universally loyal spirit prevails in that quarter. Subsequently another wave of so-called Afrikanderdom might arise, and who can foresee where the complications might end? Let us take warning in time.

The proposed modification of the Commonwealth Bill will not deprive us of any privilege we now enjoy; it will, as regards the Privy Council appeal, merely leave things in statu quo. Laymen cannot overlook the fact that the legal profession is far from being unanimous on the point; it is more than suspected that the Supreme Court Judges in all the Australian colonies are almost unanimous in wishing the present system to continue, and, in this colony, Sir Julian Salomons, Mr. Bruce Smith, and other prominent barristers are evidently of the same opinion. In the late Federal Convention, consisting of 50 representatives, of whom 24 were lawyers, an examination of the divisions that took place is very suggestive. At the Adelaide session on April 20, 1897, there were two divisions; in the first 14 voted for the extension of the right of appeal, 17 against; in the second division, the clause was carried by 22 to 12. At the Melbourne session on March 11, 1898, Sir Joseph Abbott's amendment, "Saving any right that her Majesty may be pleased to exercise by virtue of her royal prerogative," was carried by 20 to 19, or, including pairs, by 22 to 21; but, later on, Mr. J. H. Symon's amended amendment, practically limiting the subjects of appeal, was carried by 21 to 17; and the clause, as finally amended, was also carried by 21 to 17 in the majority some voting because in their opinion it was the most favourable compromise obtainable after a prolonged debate. It is instructive to analyse the names of those who voted or paired for and against Sir Joseph Abbott's amendment to emphasise the fact that there were actually 10 lawyers on each side, and that out of nine New South Wales representatives present six supported Sir Joseph as against three on the other side, viz.:—For Sir J. P. Abbott's amendment, 22: New South Wales, 6—Sir J. P. Abbott, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. M'Millan, Mr. R. E. O'Connor, Mr. Reid, Mr. Walker. Victoria, 5—Sir George Turner, Sir W. A. Zeal, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Fraser, Dr. Quick. Tasmania, 7—Sir Edward Braddon, Mr. N. J. Brown, Mr. Henry Dobson, Mr. Adye Douglas, Mr. Grant, Mr. Henry, Mr. Lewis. Western Australia, 4—Sir John Forrest, Sir James Lee Steere, Mr. Briggs, Mr. Venn. Against Sir J. P. Abbott's amendment, 21: New South Wales, 3—Mr. Barton, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Lyne. Victoria, 5—Sir Graham Berry, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Peacock, Mr. Trenwith. South Australia, 8—Dr. (now Sir John) Cockburn, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Holder, Mr. Howe, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Solomon, Mr. Symon. Tasmania, 2—Sir P. O. Fysh, Mr. M. J. Clarke. Western Australia, 3—Mr. Crowder, Mr. Hackett, Mr. Leake. Such a remarkably close division and its representative character should surely show to the Premiers at the conference to be held this week in Melbourne that it would be judicious on their part to instruct the delegates in London to withdraw with a good grace from further opposition to the expressed views of the home Government. The probability is that after the establishment of the High Court of Australia the appeal to the Privy Council will be less and less availed of, and yet our excusable national susceptibilities on the point will have been respected. From the Imperial point of view, one can readily understand that great objections might legitimately be taken to the following words in clause 74: "But the (Federal) Parliament may make laws limiting the matters in which such leave (of appeal) may be asked." In a time of great excitement, and possible exasperation, the Federal Parliament might practically, under the power specified, disallow any appeal to the Privy Council. Admittedly this is a very improbable contingency, but it is not altogether outside the range of possibility.

As to the late referendum in Australia, I doubt whether any large proportion of the electors placed much importance one way or another on the ipsissima verba of the bill. In this connection an old adage seems to me not inapplicable—"the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." We require elasticity in interpretation, not hide-boundness.

I am, &c.,
April 16. J. T. WALKER.

BOWLS.

THE VICTORIAN TEAM.

The Victorian players who are on a visit to this colony had a quiet day yesterday. They visited the City green in the morning, where a game was played by the ladies who accompany them and a number of the City players. In this way an enjoyable hour was spent. After lunch the team visited the Redfern green and had some practice among themselves. They speak of the green as being remarkably fast.

To-day the team will be received by the Mayor of Sydney, Sir Matthew Harris, M.L.A., at the Town Hall at noon. At 3 p.m. the first intercolonial match will be played at Redfern. Immediately on conclusion of the game the N.S.W. team will be rearranged for the second game, to be played on Wednesday at Balmain. The same procedure will be adopted for the third game, to be played at St. Leonards. All selected players are requested to be present.

WAVERLEY CLUB TOURNAMENT.

A two-days pair tournament in connection with the Waverley Club was began on Saturday. There were a large number of entries, and the close finishes in some of the games gave evidence of careful handicapping. The conditions laid down were that each pair should meet each other pair once, the pair securing the most wins to take first place. The game consisted of 13 heads, each player using four bowls. Three rounds were completed. The following are the particulars of the play:—

First Round.

J. R. Hodges and A. J. Higginbotham (scratch), 18, beat F. Gartrell and E. H. Parsons (2 on), 12.
M. J. Fitzgerald and H. Ayers (1 on), 31, beat J. Morcombe and A. Gardiner (4 on), 17.
H. C. Usher and T. Jessep (scratch), 15, beat Colonel Blanchard and D. Mitchell (3 on), 11.
Captain Kondio and L. G. Holthouse (scratch), 22, beat J. W. Henwood and M. Hegarty (scratch), 6.
J. F. Martin and A. Schmidt (4 on), 17, beat E. E. Wahlberg and Dr. Schraeder (scratch), 15.

Second Round.

Captain Kondio and L. G. Holthouse (scratch), 17, beat Colonel Blanchard and D. Mitchell (3 on), 12.
J. F. Martin and A. Schmidt (4 on), 15, beat F. Gartrell and E. H. Parsons (2 on), 14.
H. C. Usher and T. Jessep (scratch), 12, beat M. J. Fitzgerald and H. Ayers (1 on), 10.
E. E. Wahlberg and Dr. Schraeder (scratch), 15, beat J. W. Henwood and M. Hegarty (scratch), 6.
J. R. Rodgers and A. J. Higginbotham (scratch), a bye.

Third Round.

M. J. Fitzgerald and H. Ayers (1 on), 13, beat J. R. Hodgers and A. J. Higginbotham (scratch), 6.
F. Gartrell and E. H. Parsons (2 on), 22, beat Colonel Blanchard and D. Mitchell (3 on), 9.
Captain Kondio and L. G. Holthouse (scratch), 21, beat E. E. Wahlberg and Dr. Schraeder (scratch), 13.
H. C. Usher and G. Knoebusch (2 on) beat J. F. Martin and A. Schmidt (4 on), 14.

BALMAIN CARNIVAL.

The final of the rink competition of 11 points up, which could not be concluded on Friday at the Balmain Club's carnival, was played off on Saturday morning on the Balmain green in the presence of a large number of bowling enthusiasts, and resulted in a win for the rink captained by Mr. H. B. Cohen by the narrow majority of two points. The result was as follows:—Jesson, Bald, Williams, and Cohen, 11 points; Simpson, Thomas, Cuddon, and James, 9 points.

BATHURST, Monday.

A bowling match took place on Saturday between three rinks from the Northern (Newcastle) Association and three rinks selected from the Bathurst Bowling Club. The match resulted in a win for the local men by four points. Following were the scores:—

No. 1 Rink.—Newcastle: Messrs. Nimmo, Pullbrook, Silcock, and Genge, 14. Bathurst: Messrs. Conwell, Dowse, Allison and Curtis, 43.
No. 2 Rink. Newcastle: Messrs. Gilbert, Foskett, Swan, and Lock, 24. Bathurst: Messrs. Simmons, Slack, Turner, and Blanchfield, 16.
No. 3 Rink.—Newcastle: Messrs. Giles, Tillet, Clayton, and Blanksby, 31. Bathurst: Messrs. Duff, Venner, Blackstone, and Gartrell, 14.
Half-hours: Newcastle, 16, 26, 38, 53, 69; Bathurst, 11, 24, 38, 55, 73.

The visitors were entertained this evening at a smoke concert at Allison's Hall.

The second bowling match between three rinks of the Northern Newcastle Bowling Association and three rinks representing the Bathurst Bowling Club took place to-day, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 35 points. The weather was cold and miserable, snow having fallen early in the morning, and the green was in a sodden condition. The following are the results:—

No. 1 Rink.—Newcastle: Giles, Corrigan, Clayton, Blanksby, 23. Bathurst: Bissell, Edgley, Scotford, Gartrell, 20.
No. 2 Rink.—Newcastle: Gilbert, Foskett, Silcock, Lock, 43. Bathurst: Cornwell, Ennis, Turner, Blanchfield, 10.
No. 3 Rink.—Newcastle: Nimmo, Tillett, Swain, Genge, 27. Bathurst: Allison, Thain, Blackstone, Curtis, 18.
Half-hour scores.—Newcastle: 17, 44, 59, 76, 93. Bathurst: 8, 17, 36, 47, 58.

The brush trade has been stopped owing to the fact that brush manufacturers are unable to procure bass from South Africa.

For Children's Hacking Cough at night Woods' Great Peppermint Cure, 1s 6d.—Advt.

EASTER MONDAY.

A BITTERLY COLD DAY.

Easter Monday was not favoured by weather calculated to make outdoor pastimes thoroughly enjoyable to those who took part in them. "An eager and a nipping air" blew steadily all day, and from a direction which plainly indicated that it had passed over some of the snowclad highlands to the westward and southward and crossed the sunless intervening plains. Our southern and western correspondents tell us that the snow king has arrived earlier this season than for many years past, and it is therefore not remarkable that we, in the metropolis, should fall in for some share of the climatic rigours already being experienced farther away. At various times during the forenoon and midday the sun made more or less effective efforts to break through the dull, grey cloud-curtain which overhung the city and brighten up the streets a little; but later on, as if wearied with his futile exertions, he retired, and let the day close in grim, cold, cheerlessness. However, so far as pleasure-seekers were concerned, the day, disagreeable as it was, had more of general comfort about it than the same holiday last year. Then the weather was not equally as cold, but the rain at intervals came down in almost blinding and unquestionably chilling torrents. In general, the outings provided yesterday for those who cater for the requirements of holiday-makers were much the same as those of former years. There were the usual excursion trips to all those cosy nooks on the foreshores of Port Jackson so well known to picnic parties as spots where shelter and comfort can be obtained in any kind of weather, and where amusements can be satisfactorily carried on whether it blow high or low. All the steamers were fairly patronised. The advent of the plague was, of course, responsible for the removal to Circular Quay of the steamboats which have so long plied from the jetties at the lower ends of King and Erskine streets, and this change, together with the blustering and piercingly cold wind, no doubt considerably militated against their chances of putting up satisfactory passenger records for the day. Similarly, the prevalence of the pestilence in the city undoubtedly deterred many country people from coming to the city who under more favourable circumstances would not have missed visiting the agricultural show. As for those in the community who take particular interest in matters military, the thought that so many of our soldier lads are holding their Easter encampment "in the imminent breach" in South Africa naturally diverted attention from the doings of those who remain awaiting transportation to join their brethren in arms, and of those who are under canvas receiving the training needed to enable them to take the places of those who have gone to the front. But the soldiers to a man carried out the duties devolving upon them with as much earnestness as if the eyes of the colony were upon them, and the general inspection of the metropolitan troops and of the Imperial Bushmen's Contingent on Centennial Park was highly successful. There were nearly 5000 men under arms present.

THE NATIONAL ART GALLERY.

The attendance at the National Art Gallery yesterday was, as might have been expected from the meteorological conditions which obtained, hardly equal to the records of previous Easter Mondays. Nevertheless upwards of 2000 persons passed through the turnstiles, and much interest was displayed by the visitors, especially in the more recent additions to the gallery.

BONDI AQUARIUM.

Mr. A. Wightman, resident manager of the Bondi Aquarium, provided a number of attractions in the way of amusements, &c., for Easter Monday, and was thus successful in securing a large share of public patronage. The holiday-seekers were present in large numbers, and included a fair sprinkling of country visitors, who found pleasure in viewing the rare collection of fish, &c., in the numerous tanks. The concert hall was fully occupied throughout the day with dancing, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music at intervals. The outdoor amusements included the merry-go-round, swing-boats, camera obscura, &c.

CENTENNIAL PARK.

The Centennial Park was enjoyed by the residents of many suburbs yesterday, when attractions of more than usual interest were provided. These included the inspection of portion of the military forces by Major-General French and other military gatherings. Cricket, football, and other pastimes were also indulged in by the younger folk. The attendance of pleasure-seekers throughout the day numbered some thousands. The capacity of the refreshment-rooms in the park was taxed to its utmost.

WATSON'S BAY.

An improved steam service induced a number of holiday-seekers to take a trip to Watson's Bay yesterday for the purpose of fishing and enjoyment in other ways. The visitors throughout the day were more numerous than usual, many finding pleasure in a stroll along the beach, others visiting the lighthouse and places of local interest. The addition of the steamer Birkenhead to the usual line of steamers enabled the company to run at more frequent intervals. The accommodation provided for the passengers was appreciated.

ROSE BAY.

Full advantage was taken of the beauties of Rose Bay by pleasure-seekers, who were present in very large numbers. The somewhat cold breezes that blew at times failed to deter visitors, many of whom, with their families, indulged in strolling and amusing themselves on the long stretch of beach at the bay. Considerable interest was taken in the reclamation works that are now being carried out at Lyne Park, and in other local improvements that are taking place. Boating, fishing, &c., were amongst the occupations taken up by several in order to pleasantly spend the day. The tram accommodation was utilised to the fullest; more especially was this the case towards evening, when the returning excursionists desired to reach their homes after a full day's enjoyment.

THE HAWKESBURY.

About 400 excursionists left by rail yesterday morning to join the steamer General Gordon for a trip on the Hawkesbury. The party took the 9.10 a.m. special train, and embarked aboard the well-known General Gordon at 11 a.m. It was blowing fresh, so the steamer's head was turned down to the mouth of the Cowan, and a trip of two miles was made up that beautiful inlet, the scenery of which was the theme of admiration on board. After leaving the Cowan the steamer went to Mangrove Creek, passing under the famous bridge, and subsequently returning to the wharf. Owing to the boisterous weather the excursionists were not landed at the several stopping-places, but they enjoyed the trip nevertheless, and reached Sydney at 8 p.m.

MANLY.

Notwithstanding the nature of the day and the cold westerly wind that was blowing the steamers of the Port Jackson Company carried large numbers of pleasure-seekers to this popular seaside resort. The company to meet the demands despatched boats at frequent intervals. The outward journey was pleasant enough, but during the homeward one in the teeth of a westerly gale wraps of all kinds were requisitioned. The sea beach was lined with holiday-makers. Many found their way to Narrabeen, Bayview, and Pittwater by coach and other vehicle, and it was noticeable that this picturesque road is gaining in popularity. The known places of interest along the coast had all their complement of visitors, the day's outing being apparently thoroughly enjoyed.

NORTH SYDNEY AND DISTRICT.

The usual crowds of holiday-makers visited North Sydney and surroundings yesterday. From an early hour in the morning the stream of visitors set in, the boats of the Sydney Ferries, Limited, being well taxed in their carrying capacity. Upon arrival at Milson's Point many entrained there for the numerous picturesque suburbs on the Northern line of railway. The electric cars were well filled, especially those proceeding to Mosman and Willoughby. Balmoral Beach, as is usual at holiday times, commanded the largest attendance of the many favourite resorts. It afforded attractions particularly acceptable yesterday, as by its geographical position it lies sheltered from the keen westerlies, offers an extensive sandy beach, and commands fine views. The usual pastimes were indulged in, and general enjoyment was manifested. The roadways leading to the highlands of the district, the fortifications, and the Spit were alive with vehicles of every description.

COOGEE AND THE AQUARIUM.

The cold westerly wind had its effect on the attendance of holiday-makers at Coogee and the neighbouring bays yesterday. The seaside resort was comparatively deserted in the morning, but there was a fair number of people present in the afternoon. At the Coogee Aquarium, which has been renovated, Mr. Hobson made suitable provision for the enjoyment of his patrons. There was a large attendance in the evening, dancing being the principal form of amusement. The Balmain Coldstream Brass Band was engaged for the occasion.

HARBOUR AND OCEAN EXCURSIONS.

Despite the cold weather which prevailed yesterday, a large number of people preferred to spend the holiday by a trip on the water to one of the many places of resort on the foreshores of the harbour, or even by the more venturesome ocean excursion by steamer to the Hawkesbury or Port Hacking. The steamer Newcastle, with 600 passengers on board, left the Circular Quay at 10 o'clock and made a successful trip to the Hawkesbury River. The steamer Sydney, also with a full complement of passengers aboard, headed a course for Port Hacking. Both trips proved enjoyable. The water was comparatively smooth, and the scenery along the coast proved interesting to the passengers. The river portion of the trip up to the bridge was much admired. The city was reached on the return journey about 7 p.m.

The usual holiday fare was provided by the proprietors of the several places of public resort on the harbour. Correy's Gardens and Clifton Gardens came in for a large share of public patronage. At each place dancing formed the chief attraction. At Clifton Gardens the pavilion has been thoroughly renovated and a new floor laid. Many persons were attracted to Fern Bay, where Mr. Lane did all in his power to make his visitors comfortable. A large number of pleasure-seekers also visited Clontarf, Athol Gardens, and other picnic grounds, while the Manly and Watson's Bay steamers were, as is usual on such an occasion, largely patronised.

TRAMWAY AND RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

The tramway traffic yesterday, as far as could be judged, was heavier than on the previous Easter Monday, notwithstanding the bleak weather. About 260 car loads of people were carried to the show, and 100 to the racecourse. The traffic to the showground exhibited an increase on that of last year, but to the race course it was rather less. On the whole the tramways were rather busier yesterday than on the previous holiday, but no definite idea of the increase can be obtained yet. Everything has worked smoothly throughout the holidays.

The railway bookings yesterday at Sydney and suburban stations showed a decrease of 7235 passengers on the former holiday, and a corresponding diminution of revenue of £174 18s 7d. On the main suburban line the passengers booked were 37,105, Illawarra 24,454, Northern 7570, Western 2344, and Southern 1778, making a total of 71,551, against 78,756 last year. The main suburban line was responsible for the whole of the decrease. The revenue yesterday was £1790 5s 7d. The figures are exclusive of the Milson's Point line.

THE THEATRES.

There was an immense holiday attendance at all the theatres. Miss Nance O'Neil's powerful impersonation of "Camille" proved a great "draw" at Her Majesty's Theatre, and to-morrow's matinee should prove a success. There was a splendid attendance at the Theatre Royal, where "The Gay Lord Quex" will be performed to-night and to-morrow for the last times in Sydney. Thursday's matinee will be devoted to "The Brixton Burglary." The plan for "The Manœuvres of Jane" opens at Elvy's this morning. At the Lyceum Theatre "The Irishman" drew a crowded house, and people were unable to gain admission at the Criterion, where Mr. Alfred Dampier's revival of "Robbery Under Arms" filled the house early. The same remark applies to Mr. Rickards' Company at the Tivoli, and M'Adoo's Georgia Minstrels were greeted by a full house at the Palace Theatre.

TOWN HALL CONCERTS.

There was only a small attendance at the Town Hall last night, a fact not due to any want of interest in the performance, but simply to the fact that musical entertainments in this vast building are falling "thick as leaves in Vallambrosa." The city organist, Mr. Arthur Mason, Mr. N. Gehde, Misses Edith O. King, Florence Mather, Lily Percival, and Kathleen Pardoe were the assisting artists.

This evening a concert will be given under the management of Mr. Raymond Webbe, at which the chief attraction will be the final act of "Maritana" in costume, with Misses Moore and Zeech, Messrs. Edward Farley and A. Travers, in the principal characters. There will also be a miscellaneous programme of popular numbers.

HOLIDAYS IN THE COUNTRY.

MILITARY SPORTS AT SCONE.

SCONE, Monday.

Military sports were held on Saturday under the auspices of the Scone troop of Australian Horse, and were well attended and successful. Prior to the sports the local and Belltrees troops paraded under Lieutenant Upton. The lemon-cutting competition was won by Corporal J. Thrift; Trooper Barrell, 2. Tilting at the ring, Trooper B. Aurisch, 1; Trooper Moran, 2. Single tent-pegging, Trooper W. Collison, 1; Trooper Campbell, 2. Sword exercise, F sections: Sergeant Thrift's and Corporal Asser's sections tied. Section tent pegging: Corporal Mitchells, 1; Trooper Aurisch, 2. Manual exercise in sections: Sergeant Thrift's and Trooper Campbell's sections tied. Victoria Cross race: Trooper Aurisch, 1; Trooper M'Gregor, 2. Riding and jumping: Corporal Asser's section, 1; Sergeant Thrift's, 2.

BICYCLE SPORTS AT TEMORA.

TEMORA, Monday.

The Temora branch of the League of Wheelmen held its annual cycling carnival at Temora Park to-day. The weather was bitterly cold and threatening rain, which interfered with the attendance, although a large number of persons patronised the sports. Owing to the wet state of the ground the sports were not started until after lunch, to allow the ground to dry. Following are the results:—

Flying Handicap, ½ mile.—Heat winners: W. Beatty (Old Junee), E. Selems (Temora), E. Phelp (Wyalong), A. Keeon (Temora), R. P. Moore (Sydney), A. Sharrock (Temora), A. G. Reid (Temora), W. M'Laughlin. Final: Reid, 85 yards, 1; M'Laughlin, 80 yards, 2; W. Beatty, 100 yards, 3. Time, 1 minute 8 1-5 seconds.

Temora Wheel Race, 2 miles.—Heat winners: C. Mickelson (Wyalong), 150 yards; E. Phelps (Wyalong), 165; A. J. King (Wyalong), 150; W. J. Cartwright (Temora), 140; G. Byrnes (Temora), 140; F. W. Neeld (Wyalong), 180; C. Byrnes (Temora), 320; A. Byron (Temora), 320. Final heat: Mickelson, 50 yards, 1; Neeld, 2, 20 yards in front of E. Byrnes, 3. During this race a collision occurred, and Cartwright, Phelps, and Neeld received heavy falls and were knocked out of the race. Time, 5 minutes 43 seconds.

Open Handicap, 1 mile, run in heats.—A. G. Reid, 135 yards, 1; Cartwright, 75 yards, 2; Neeld, 80 yards, 3. Time, 2 minutes 26 seconds.

Lap Dash, ¼ mile.—Keegan, 1; Cartwright, 2; M'Laughlin, 3. Time, 37 seconds.

BICYCLE SPORTS AT WOLLONGONG.

WOLLONGONG, Monday.

Owing to the heavy westerly gale blowing to-day the Wollongong Bicycle Club's sports were very much interfered with. The attendance was small, and it was so bitterly cold that many had to leave the ground. During one of the bicycle events the gale was blowing so strongly that the whole of the riders were brought to a standstill, one rider being completely blown off his machine. The following are the results:—

Handicap Foot Race, 125 yards.—R. Dodd, 1; D. Kohler, 2.
Boys' Handicap Foot Race, 70 yards.—H. Kirby, 1.
Hack Race, about ½ mile.—J. Fitzgerald's Empress, 9st, 1; W. Leeper's Idle Boy, 10st, 2; J. Trail's Jessie, 8st 7lb, 3.
Bicycle Egg and Spoon Race.—W. Beach, jun., 1; J. Wilson, 2.
Easter Bicycle Handicap, 1 mile.—P. Devers, 140 yards, 1; W. Beach, jun., 110 yards, 2; A. Knowles, 140 yards, 3.
Consolation Bicycle Handicap, ½ mile.—J. Wilson, 30 yards, 1; A. Rixon, 25 yards, 2.
Bicycle Flying Handicap, ½ mile.—A. Knowles, 70 yards, 1; J. Wilson, 25 yards, 2.

HARDEN MILITARY SPORTS.

HARDEN, Monday.

Military sports, foot-racing, a hunters' contest, pony and hack racing, and other contests were held on the racecourse to-day under the auspices of the Murrumburrah-Harden troop of 1st Australian Horse. The following is the programme of events with the winners:—

Cleanest Cavalry Kit.—Sergeant Baxter and Trooper Black divided.
Open Handicap Foot Race.—E. Carroll, 1; J. Callan, 2.
Pony Jump.—O'Hara's Novice, 1; Royers's Rex, 2.
Jumping by Files.—Sergeant Baxter and Trooper J. Bradford.
Cleaving Boar's Head.—Sergeant Baxter, 1; Sergeant O'Connell, 2.
Pony Race.—Ashbury's Tess, 1; Beattie's Miss Jack, 2.
Cavalry Remount Race.—Sergeant Baxter's Sirdar, 1; Trooper Black's Banji, 2.
Single Tent Pegging.—S. Fallon, 1; J. Rose, 2.
Tilting at the Ring.—J. Minahan and J. Bradford divided.
Hunting Contest.—G. Reid's Donald, 1; L. Preston's Jacob, 2.
Hack Race.—Sunbeam, 1; Oakbell, 2.

The attendance was small owing to the day being very inclement.

MAITLAND SPORTS CARNIVAL.

WEST MAITLAND, Monday.

A grand cycling and athletic carnival was conducted to-day on the Albion Ground, in the presence of a large audience of spectators, including visitors from Sydney, Newcastle, and Singleton. The carnival was held to assist the Northern District Cyclists' Union out of financial difficulties. A cold westerly wind prevailed all day, and hampered the riders in the cycling events. The riding throughout was excellent, and no accident occurred. Considerable interest was manifested in the dancing competitions, which included the Highland Fling Championship of the northern district, and attracted large entries from the Newcastle district. The results of the various events were as follows:—

One Mile Novice Handicap.—First heat: R. King, scratch, 1; R. G. Bartrop, 20 yards, 2. Won easily. Time, 2 minutes 41 1-5 seconds. Second heat: S. Lovett, 20 yards, 1; W. Ellis, 5 yards, 2; Alf. Jones, 5 yards, 3. Won easily. Time, 2 minutes 2 seconds. Final: R. King, 1; S. Lovett, 2. Won easily. Time, 3 minutes 42 1-5 seconds.

One Mile Roadster Club Handicap.—O. Boughton, 60 yards, 1; F. Anderson, 80 yards, 2; D. Glasheen, scratch, 3. Won by four yards. Time, 2 minutes 46 1-5 seconds.

One Mile Open Handicap.—First heat: D. Ellis, 80 yards, 1; A. T. Smith, 80 yards, 2; W. Manile, 100 yards, 3. Won easily. Time 2 minutes 30 2-5 seconds. Second heat: R. King, 100 yards, 1; B. Solling, 30 yards, 2; G. Park, 200 yards, 3. A splendid race was won by a wheel. Time, 2 minutes 27 seconds. Third heat: W. Tierney, 50 yards, 1; B. Nurse, 60 yards, 2; E. M'Kenzie, 100 yards, 3. Won easily. Time, 2 minutes 24 3-5 seconds. Final: D. Ellis, 1; R. King, 2; W. Tierney, 3. A splendid race. Won by a length, with Tierney half a wheel away. Time, 2 minutes 20 1-5 seconds.

Half-mile Open Handicap.—First heat: A. Denny, scratch, 1; B. Nurse, 30 yards, 2; E. M'Kenzie, 50 yards, 3. Won by three yards. Time, 1 minute 10 4-5 seconds. Second heat: J. Bennie, scratch, 1; W. Barry, 10 yards, 2; C. R. Tremlin, 50 yards, 3. Won by two yards. Time, 1 minute 10 2-5 seconds. Third heat: B. Solling, 15 yards, 1; G. Park, 10 yards, 2; W. Manile, 50 yards, 3. A good race. Won by two yards. Time, 1 minute 9 3-5 seconds. Final: F. Bennie, 1; J. Solling, 2; W. Barry, 3. A splendid race. Won by three yards. Time, 1 minute 9 4-5 seconds.

Two Miles Open Handicap.—First heat: W. Tierney, 100 yards, 1; D. Ellis, 140 yards, 2; R. King, 190 yards, 3. Won easily. Time, 5 minutes 3 2-5 seconds. Second heat: B. Hay, 230 yards, 1; E. M'Kenzie, 190 yards, 2; G. Park, 40 yards, 3. A good race. Time, 5 minutes 7 2-5 seconds. Third heat: W. Barry, 40 yards, 1; J. Rennie, scratch, 2; W. Lawrence, 90 yards, 3. Won easily. Time, 5 minutes 20 3-5 seconds. Final: G. Park, 1; W. Barry, 2; Ellis, 3. A splendid race. Won by two yards. Time, 5 minutes 10 4-5 seconds.

Youths' Race, 75 yards.—W. Laybutt, 10½ yards, 1; A. Laybutt, 3 yards, 2.

All-comers' Handicap, 100 yards.—M. Kingsley, 11 yards, 1; W. E. Maitland, 14 yards, 2; A. H. Watts, 14 yards, 3.

Highland Fling Championship of Northern District.—Maggie Gillis, 1; Sophy Perry, 2.

Sailor's Hornpipe.—Robert Gillis, 1; Nellie Dudgeon, 2.

Irish Jig.—Robert Gillis, 1; Nellie Dudgeon, 2.

CAMDEN, Monday.

Easter sports in aid of the Roman Catholic Convent building fund were held to-day. The weather was cold, and there was not a large attendance. Pony Race: Ruby, 1; Hilt, 2. Handicap for horses, six furlongs: Maher's Browney, 1; M'Mean's Jack, 2. Galloways: Ensign, 1; Sunbeam, 2. Throwing at wicket: Stuckey and M'Donald divided. The tug-of-war was the event of the day between Camden, Camden Park, and Menangle, Camden winning. Sheffield Handicap: Tulloh, 1; Blatch, 2; S. Wasson, 3. A social was held in the drill-hall, and was well attended.

ARMIDALE, Monday.

The holidays passed over quietly. No sports of any kind were held. The weather was windy and bitterly cold. The country is looking well, and prospects for the winter are good.

BLAYNEY, Monday.

The holiday passed off quietly. The Sabbath school picnics could not be held on account of the rough weather. The Wesleyan school children were entertained in the church and grounds, and the Presbyterian school children in the Town Hall.

CASSILIS, Monday.

The athletic gathering to-day, although the weather was very cold, was well attended. Results were as follows:—

President's Handicap.—Robert Train, 1; Frank Lawrence, 2; L. Miller, 3.
Easter Monday Handicap.—D. Lavis, 1; H. Byfield, 2; W. Byfield, 3.

CROOKWELL, Monday.

All sports and amusements were spoiled owing to the rough weather. The Binda and Grabben Gullen race meetings and the town band ball have been postponed.

GOULBURN, Monday.

The annual excursion of the St. Saviour's Sunday School was held to-day at Penrose. Twelve carriages were necessary to convey the children and their friends to the picnic grounds.

GRAFTON, Monday.

The various excursions to-day were fairly well patronised, as also was the Grafton Pony Club's races.

LISMORE, Monday.

Large numbers of people went out by train to-day. The Coraki Lancers had a church parade yesterday, the members attending various churches. About 30 were present at the Presbyterian Church. Work was continued to-day, the afternoon being devoted to squadron drill near the town. The cadets, who have been out daily with the Lancers for mounted drill, entered into the work with great zest.

MOUNT VICTORIA, Monday.

The Easter tourist traffic has been very good.

MUDGEE, Monday.

The Church of England Sunday School annual picnic was held at Lue, and was attended by about 800 children and adults.

TAREE, Monday.

An excursion by the steamer John Gollan in aid of the Manning River District Hospital took place to-day, and was fairly patronised. About £12 was realised.

WAGGA, Monday.

The annual railway picnic to The Rock in aid of the Catholic schools took place to-day. It proved more successful than any former excursion. The special train had 17 carriages, which were filled with visitors.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH: A SUGGESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In this "enlightened age," when philanthropy is everywhere abroad, exploring the very corners of the earth, and tilting, often perhaps in Quixotic style, at abuses more imaginary than real, it is matter for wonder that the insanitary state of Sydney has not more seriously interested its inhabitants in general. The unfortunate outburst of bubonic plague in our midst has at last however attracted the attention of the most careless. All will now admit, let us hope:—(1) That a large part of Sydney is very unclean; (2) that many of its citizens are lacking, in certain cases grievously deficient, in the matter of personal and domestic hygiene; and (3) that in this regard the average citizen, by no means blameless, is yet largely to be excused—because it seems to be nobody's business, at least nobody's serious endeavour, to instruct him or her in the elements of sanitary science. In what I have to say I shall avoid comparisons with other cities of the world. Comparisons are always "odorous," but specially so at the present time.

Societies and associations we have in abundance for this, that, and the other object, and doing no doubt much good in their way. Witness, for example, the admirable work of the Civil Ambulance Association, whose operations are a credit to the town. Nevertheless, the city of our dwelling remains largely in the prehistoric state as regards hygienic conditions. The story of the accumulation of tons of filth, putrefying animal and vegetable matter in the lanes and houses of the infected areas is astonishing. Much more of the same disgusting kind could be told by every medical man and city missionary; and this, sad to relate, of places where so-called sanitary inspectors are assumed to be constantly at work. Not to enlarge too much on this, may it not at once be said that that whole system of sanitation is faulty which permits garbage to putrefy even in the most crowded streets in open receptacles, and in the heat of a summer sun, for two or three days consecutively.

Without doubt the future threatens disaster to the trade, the health, and good fame of our city if this state of things persist; and citizens should try to find a remedy in their own action. In the present crisis our city fathers confess themselves practically powerless failing Government sanction; the Health Department, it is to be feared, is trammelled by outside interference in matters in which, to be efficacious, it should be supreme. Can we then not fall back on ourselves? No system of laws or regulations for the public weal can be a success without the co-operation of all.

Here is an opportunity to meet a genuine want. I would suggest the formation of a society for the prevention of disease. Conducted on proper lines it could not fail of immediate success, and an ever-enlarging sphere of usefulness. With a strong central authority and branches in the suburbs and quarters of the city it could, at small expense, at once open a vigorous programme of hygienic propagandism. Not only would incalculable good result from rousing in the people an intelligent interest in the cleanliness of their homes and surroundings, but a wholesome public opinion would be fostered, thus greatly strengthening the hands of the Health Department and town council in enforcing presently existing regulations, and securing new legislation in line with the sanitary science of to-day. Such a scheme would, I think, commend itself in particular to medical men everywhere, who would willingly help its work as lecturers, corresponding members, &c., as well as to all good women who could do valuable work in the special department of domestic hygiene.

Thus might Sydney, favoured above all cities in climate, site, and most other advantages that make for health and commercial pre-eminence, bring future good out of present evil, proving the truth of the poet's lines:—

Sweet are the uses of adversity;
Which, like the toad, ugly and venomous,
Wears yet a precious jewel in his head.

No better names for a provisional committee could be suggested than those who met at the Town Hall the other day to discuss the subject of rat extermination.

I am, &c.,
April 14. A. WATSON-MUNRO, M.D.

DAY LABOUR VERSUS CONTRACT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Under the above heading a correspondent in your issue of Thursday last, signing himself "Fair Play," endeavours to ridicule the system of day labour. He observes "that the Government of New South Wales have adopted the system of carrying out works by day labour," adding "that no doubt they have been actuated by the best of motives." Of course they have, and everyone knows that the contractors have brought it upon themselves. Why, under the contract system the contractor made thousands out of his workmen, whereas that money is now distributed among hundreds of men instead of going into one man's pocket. It is better for the community if 100 men have £1 each than for one man to have the whole of the money. Surely any man with ordinary intelligence will see that, because if the 100 men only spend 10s each the other man will only spend enough for his wants. Then "Fair Play" says, "Even though the motives are good and the case of day labour in lieu of contract has in the mind of many been the means of undermining the position of the builders and contractors of New South Wales—a body of men, who by their skill, enterprise, and ingenuity have been the means of building up this large and important colony." It would be interesting to learn from "Fair Play" where "the ingenuity and enterprise of the contractor" come in. Also, how it is he claims they have built up "this large and important colony." Take the case of the average contractor. He gets hold of a tradesman who has a good knowledge of the building trade generally, and gets him to make up an estimate for a Government contract. His contract is accepted, and he makes some thousands out of it by grinding the unfortunate men working for him down to starvation wages, and making them work like horses. But let the same work be done by day labour, and the men get a living wage, the work is better done, and the Government saves the money. Further, how is day labour undermining the system of contracts? I do not wish to take "Fair Play's" comments seriatim, but would like to quote the following from his letter. He says: "The system will be the means of widening any breach that may exist between workmen and employers, will cause innumerable strikes, and shake society to its very foundation." If the people (not the few selfish contractors) say that we will have day labour, and nothing but day labour, for Government works, believe me we will have it, and all the contractors in the colony cannot stop it. What breach exists between working men and contractors only that the contractor wishes to grind his workmen down to starvation wages so that he may become rich at their expense? And how will it shake society to its very foundation? Quite the reverse. It will enable men to procure fair remuneration for their labour, and thus enable them to keep their wives and families as they should be kept.

I am, &c., H.

J. Carkeek and J. Pohl, two well-known wrestlers, met at the Freetrade Hall, Manchester, to contest the best of three falls, in the Græco-Roman style, for £50. Wrestling from the start was keen, and in 12 minutes 20 seconds Carkeek gained the first fall. Pohl, however, gained the second in 4 minutes; but Carkeek gained the last in 8 minutes, and won.

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EARLY CLOSING ASSOCIATION OF N.S.W.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Early Closing Association of N.S.W. was held last evening in the Y.M.C.A. Hall. There was a fairly good attendance of ladies and gentlemen. The chair was taken by Mr. Alfred Allen, president of the association, and amongst those present were the Premier (Mr. W. J. Lyne), Judge Heydon, Messrs. W. M. Hughes, W. Affleck, and S. Smith, Ms.L.A., T. R. Bavin, W. Main, O. Jackson, W. W. Williams, H. M'Gill, J. B. Atkinson, J. Lewis, J. Donnelly, the Rev. W. I. Carr Smith, and the Rev. W. Mounsey.

The chairman, in opening the meeting, said those present had gathered not before the battle, but after a victory which they had hardly expected to achieve at such an early date. Mr. Lyne was a gentleman whom he (Mr. Allen) had long fought against in the political arena, and it seemed somewhat strange that he was there to welcome the Premier, and to congratulate him upon what he had done for the workers of the colony. (Hear, hear.) It was his pleasing duty to present to Mr. Lyne an address from the young shopkeepers of New South Wales, and the words of that address were heartfelt, and not, he was glad to say, only by the employees, but also by many of the employers throughout the colony. (Hear, hear.) He was sure Mr. Lyne would accept the sentiments of the address as coming from the loyal hearts of people who could not have fought the battle, although it was in their interests, on their own account, for, had they come forward in furtherance of the cause of early closing, they would in many cases have had to pay the penalty of losing their situations, and they dared do nothing in that direction. However, the Premier and the present Ministry had come to their assistance, and their wishes had been carried into effect. (Cheers.) The chairman at the conclusion of his remarks presented the Premier with a handsomely illuminated address.

Mr. Lyne, who on rising to respond met with a very flattering reception, said he felt that in presenting him with the address the association was doing him perhaps more honour than he deserved, for in carrying into law the Early Closing Bill he was doing no more than his duty. He had for some time recognised the necessity for legislation in this direction, and having attended many meetings having early closing for their object he had given a promise of a Christmas box in the shape of an Early Closing Bill. However, it did not come just then; it turned out to be a New Year's gift. (Applause.) But he could not have done this without the assistance of others. He was supported very strongly by Miss Rose Scott, who always took an interest in anything that made for the benefit of men and women; and perhaps he yet might receive her assistance in regard to that other great question of which she was so steadfast a supporter—viz., the question of womanhood suffrage. (Hear, hear.) Mr. W. M. Hughes, M.L.A., had also rendered yeoman service in connection with the early closing measure, and perhaps no one did more in the way of educating him (Mr. Lyne) in the matter and as to what was required. (Applause.) At that time there were two associations in existence, which did not entirely work together, and it was from Mr. Hughes that he learned how to do his best to weld those associations together for one common object and one common good. (Hear, hear.) But for the labour party it was possible the measure would not have passed through Parliament, although why they supported him, more particularly in this matter, was not quite clear, unless it was that he had always tried to carry out faithfully any promises he had made either to members of Parliament or to the public. (Hear, hear.) He had not made many promises, but he had endeavoured to redeem them. (Hear, hear.) Perhaps the labour party believed he would do so on this occasion, and therefore they gave him their assistance to carry the bill into law. (Applause). He understood the meeting was the termination of the association's annual gathering, and that it had been said that the members now proposed to disband. He desired to ask them to do nothing of the kind, because he was sure they did not want to leave him stranded in the matter. They did not know what enemies might be lurking behind, or what harm they might endeavour to do, even although the measure was now law, and no doubt there would be an attempt to alter some of its main provisions. He admitted that there might be amendments necessary in the details of the Act, for so comprehensive a measure, affecting as it did so large a number of the general population, could not be made perfect at the first attempt. But when they had laid the foundation of the structure on solid ground they should adhere to the principles represented by it. (Hear, hear.) One of the main principles in connection with this Act was that of fixing a certain hour for closing. (Hear, hear.) Some persons desired to do away with the principle, and to substitute the system of stating the number of hours per week that an employee should work. He maintained that this system would not accomplish the objects he and members of the association desired, nor would it give that degree of emancipation—especially to the women workers of the community that the present measure gave. (Cheers.) That being so, it might be that he would have to stand and fight for the Act very strenuously to prevent any considerable amendment in the next session, and he wanted the association behind him to give him the support he had received from them in the past. (Applause.) Therefore he asked the association not to disband, because they should always be watchful in a case of this kind when vested and great interests were concerned. (Loud cheers.) So far as he could gather, however, they found the majority of the employers working with the employees in this matter. (Hear, hear.) The Government had not aimed at injuring any man's business in passing this Act. If they had injured a few small businesses he was sorry for it, but it could not be helped, as something had to be achieved for the emancipation of the masses, and this measure was the death knell of white slavery. (Loud cheers.) It would be a live measure long after this generation had passed away, and he believed that whatever might happen in the future the people of this country would look back with some degree of gratitude to the Ministry and the Parliament which had passed this bill into law. (Cheers.)

Mr. Walter Main, hon. secretary of the association, read the report for the past year, which described at length the operations carried out and the results accomplished, and also tendered thanks to the Minister for Labour for the fearless manner in which he had carried out the provisions of the Act, and to the members of Parliament who had assisted in its passage. The accounts of the association showed a balance to credit of £3 10s 11d, the receipts having been £59 15s 5d, and the expenditure £56 4s 6d.

On the motion of Mr. H. M'Gill (delegate from Bathurst), seconded by Mr. Joseph Donnelly (delegate from Forbes), the report and balance-sheet were adopted.

Mr. T. R. Bavin, LL.B., on behalf of the association, presented Mr. W. M. Hughes, M.L.A., with a beautifully engrossed address, in which were acknowledged the great services both inside and outside Parliament he had rendered to the cause of early closing.

Mr. Hughes (who on coming forward to reply was loudly cheered) said he was very glad indeed to have earned the gratitude of those present—if he had really earned it. Since the first meeting in connection with the early closing movement was held about 12 months ago they had never looked back, and probably the Act of to-day went further than any other similar measure existing in the world. He thought the result of the Philip Division election might be taken as an augury of what would take place when any attempt was made to alter the fundamental principles of the present Act, for there the "champion of liberty" was defeated. (Hear, hear.) He believed that at the next general elections other champions of liberty would meet a similar fate. But at the same time it was to be remembered that a great deal was owing to the Legislative Council, which had the courage to introduce an amendment with regard to wholesale houses which neither the Legislative Assembly nor the Early Closing Association had dared to bring forward, as it was regarded as Utopian in the extreme. He trusted he would live long enough to see the complete fruition of the labour of those who desired that the early closing movement should not cease until men and women were only required to toil as long as was absolutely necessary for the welfare of the community generally as well as of the individuals particularly. (Cheers.)

On the motion of Mr. Octavius Jackson, seconded by Mr. W. W. Williams, votes of thanks were given to Miss Rose Scott and Messrs. A. Allen and T. R. Bavin for the invaluable services rendered by them on behalf of the association.

Miss Rose Scott, on behalf of the committee of the association, then presented the hon. secretary, Mr. W. Main, with a purse of sovereigns, as an expression of appreciation of his services, and Mr. Main suitably responded.

Judge Heydon, being called upon to speak, pointed out that having accepted a position on the judicial bench he had nothing more to do with political questions. Nevertheless, the matter the meeting had in hand was one of sound reform, and he did not think any legislative bodies or parties had ever been so unanimous with regard to any one measure as the Parliament of New South Wales had been in connection with the Early Closing Bill. The only struggle had been as to who could make it more nearly perfect and cause it to be acceptable to the largest number of the community. (Cheers.)

A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

The ill-repute of Friday as an unlucky day is shown by some current statistics to be undeserved. A careful investigation, largely through official channels, has been made of the matter in Germany, and as a result it is found that 9948 weekly accidents and disasters, such as are attributed to bad luck, 1674 occurred on Monday, 1551 on Tuesday, 1631 on Wednesday, 1547 on Thursday, 1638 on Friday, 1638 on Saturday, and 269 on Sunday. The most noteworthy feature of these figures, apart from their vindication of Friday, is the uniformity of distribution of mishaps among the six secular days of the week, the difference between the most and the least "unlucky" days being less than one-tenth. The day of most disasters is Monday.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

(Continued from page 4.)

Captain S. Boulden reports that the Coraki crossed the Manning bar at 9 a.m. on April 15, and arrived in port at 4.40 a.m. yesterday, having experienced strong westerly winds and moderate sea.

A Melbourne report says:—Referring to General Notice to Mariners, Victoria, dated June 1, 1898, page 55, it is hereby notified that the older of the two jetties at Apollo Bay is not now available for use, and that the new jetty has been extended seawards a distance of 500ft. into 12ft. depth at low water. The fixed red light is now exhibited from the outer end of the extended jetty. The two red cask buoys for warping purposes are in the positions formerly notified.

Captain W. Hammer reports that the steamer Konoowarra, from Brisbane, experienced moderate to fine weather to Seal Rocks, when a westerly gale set in. The Konoowarra was at Rockhampton on the 10th instant, at Maryborough on the 11th instant. She arrived here at 3 p.m. yesterday.

Captain J. H. Hunter reports that the Excelsior left Byron Bay at 7.30 p.m. on the 14th, called at the usual ports, and entered the Head at 3.30 p.m. on the 16th. Experienced strong S.W. winds with fine clear weather.

Captain J. E. Butcher reports that the Aramac left Melbourne on the 14th, cleared Port Phillip Heads at 9.30 p.m., and entered Port Jackson at 3.30 p.m. on the 16th. Experienced strong south-west winds throughout.

Captain W. J. Wyllie, of the Tambo, reports leaving Hobart at 6.45 a.m. the 14th instant, passed Eddystone at 8.35 p.m., Gabo was passed at 7.45 p.m. the 15th, arriving at Sydney at 7.25 p.m. yesterday. Experienced strong N. winds and fine to Eddystone, W.S.W. gale and rain with very heavy beam sea to Cape Howe, fresh westerly and moderate sea the remainder of the passage.

Captain L. A. Leslie reports that the Gabo left Melbourne on the 14th instant at 8 p.m., and rounded Wilson's Promontory on the 15th at 8 a.m., passed Gabo Island on the 16th at 11.54 a.m., Cape St. George at 7 p.m., and arrived at Sydney at 10 p.m. same day. Experienced strong W.S.W. and W. gale, with rough sea and dirty squally weather until passing Gabo Island, thence to Cape St. George wind continuing the same, with cloudy weather and moderate sea; remainder of passage was made under a fierce W. gale, rough sea, and unsettled weather.

The barque Bankfields, which was purchased in London some months ago by Messrs. D. and J. Fowler, Limited, of Adelaide, for the Adelaide Milling Company, which carries on a large trade in breadstuffs with oversea ports, requiring the frequent chartering of tonnage in a good season, arrived at Port Adelaide last Monday from Algoa Bay to load for Durban and Natal, and it is stated that this vessel will trade between South Australia, South Africa, and other ports. The Bankfields is an iron barque of 850 tons gross and 835 tons net. She was built in 1876 by Osborne, Graham, and Co., of Sunderland, and was owned by S. Wakeham and Sons. Her length is 195ft., beam 32ft., and depth 19ft.

Messrs. Nelson and Robertson on Sunday despatched the barque Acacia to load hardwood at the Clarence for New Zealand.

THE GULF OF SIAM.

The Gulf line steamer Gulf of Siam, which is to load here for South Africa and on to London, arrived yesterday from Gladstone, via Newcastle. The steamer has a good deal of meat and other cargo on board, inclusive of 2500 quarters of beef and 900 carcases of mutton. Messrs. W. and A. M'Arthur and Co. will give her quick despatch from here.

THE POMOANA.

The barque Pomoana reports leaving New York on January 15, had ordinary weather in the North Atlantic, crossed the equator on February 18, had good S.E. trades, passed the Cape of Good Hope on March 15, and ran along between 45° and 47° S., with strong westerlies. Made Wilson's Promontory last Sunday week, and had variable winds to getting the southerly and westerlies to Sydney. The ship reports sighting wreckage in the Southern Ocean, mentioned elsewhere. She comes to Messrs. Briscoe, Drysdale, and Co.'s agency.

THE CIMBA SPOKEN.

Captain Walker, of the Strathdon, reports having spoken the ship Cimba in 27° S., 30° W., bound from London to Sydney.

A SMART SAILING BARQUE.

The arrival of the composite built Sydney-owned barque Elizabeth Graham at Wellington, from Newcastle, is advised after a passage of 16 days. Few vessels have as good a record as this 600 ton clipper in the intercolonial trade. The composite style of building calls to mind such flyers as the famous clipper Thermopylae, the Cutty Sark, Darra, and noted tea ships. The Elizabeth Graham is owned by Messrs. Nelson and Robertson, of this city.

SHIPPING CASUALTIES IN MARCH.

Casualties to vessels in the Australian trade recorded during March consist of 15 weather damaged, 11 strandings, 6 collisions, 5 total wrecks, 1 fire, and 7 other casualties, total for February being 5 total losses and 40 partial losses.

THE UMBALLA.

This British-India steamer is due here in a few days. A Melbourne report of her arrival there states that the Umballa is a fine vessel of over 5000 tons gross burthen. She brought a fair complement of European passengers in the saloon, and her holds are filled with varied consignments of Eastern produce. Captain D. Campbell, who has command, reports that the Umballa left Calcutta on March 2, Rangoon on the 10th, Singapore on the 24th, and Adelaide on the 8th instant. With the exception of two days' boisterous weather, experienced between Cape Leeuwin and the South Australian capital, generally fine auspices characterised the voyage.

A DISTRESSED BARQUE.

The fine steel barque Dunn Law, built in 1896, and which left Mueo, New Caledonia, on May 18 last year, arrived at Glasgow on the 4th ultimo with a cargo of nickel ore. During the voyage the vessel encountered very heavy weather, which necessitated her putting into Valparaiso on July 29 for repairs, which were completed on October 26, when she resumed her voyage, arriving in Belfast Lough on February 28, and it is probable that she was towed from there to the Clyde to discharge.

SAILING VESSELS DUE AT SYDNEY.

Cimba, ship (RKJS), from London—94 days.
Glenfyne, barque (SWRH), from Table Bay—46 days.
Tusker, ship, from Table Bay—58 days.

AT NEWCASTLE.

Ancenis, barque (MRNG), from Manila—67 days.
Cambrian King, ship (LWNS), from Table Bay—63 days.
Clan Macfarlane, ship (VRDF), from Adelaide—13 days.
Inca, barque (LFKN), from Monte Video—73 days.
Kosmos, barque (RHN), from Table Bay—36 days.
Lucknow, barque (MDGH), from Fremantle—18 days.
Marjory Glen, barque (MVHS), from Table Bay—45 days.
Orpheus, ship (HPNL), from Trieste—92 days.
Perseverance, ship, from Probolingo—56 days.
Wynn-tay, ship (JPKN), from Rio Janeiro—58 days.

STEAMSHIPS—PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE.

Sir William H. White, F.R.S., Director of Naval Construction, in his address at the British Association of the mechanical section, dealt with the past, present, and the future of steamship construction. Within a short life speed has increased in the Transatlantic trade from 8½ knots to 22½ knots. Vessels have trebled in length and doubled in breadth, but the depth has altered very little. May not this be due to restrictions imposed by depth of water in Suez Canal, New York Harbour, and elsewhere? The modern palatial passenger liner has 10 times the displacement of her puny predecessor of two score years ago, and her passenger list has increased from 100 to 2000. Engine-power is 40 times as great, the ratio of horse-power to weight driven has increased fourfold, while the coal consumption per horse-power per hour is but one-third of the old-timer. Whereas 550 tons of coal were required to drive 2000 tons across the Atlantic at 8½ knots, now 10,000 tons is driven the same distance at 22 knots with 5000 tons of coal. Had the old rate remained constant 9000 tons of coal would be required instead of 5000. It was the coal problem which led Dr. Lardner to assert that it would be as easy to make a voyage to the moon as to America under steam. Were engines proportionately heavy they would weigh about 10,000 tons. Machinery, boilers, and coals would exceed the weight of the Campania as she floats to-day! Improved materials, structural arrangements and form, together with the substitution of steel for iron, have all helped to make steamships one of the most marvellous products of the nineteenth century. "It must never be forgotten," said Sir William, "that as ships grow in size, speed, and cost, so the responsibilities of those in charge increase. The captain of a modern steamship needs remarkable qualities to perform his multifarious duties efficiently. The chief engineer must have great powers of organisation, as well as good technical knowledge, to control and utilise most advantageously the men and machinery in his charge. Apart from the ceaseless care, watchfulness, and skill of officers and men, the finest ships and most perfect machinery are of little avail. The 'human factor' is often forgotten, but is all-important. Let us hope that in the future, as in the past, as responsibilities increase, so will the men be found to bear them."

WHY NOT AN ORDER OF MERIT FOR SEAMEN?

In the merchant and royal navy, remarks the "Nautical Magazine," alike occur almost daily instances and occasions for the display of science, skill, bravery, fortitude in trying circumstances, resource in danger. In the first number of the "Cornhill Magazine" a friend contributed a most touching story of the M'Clintock expedition, in the dangers and dreadful stories of which he shared; and the writer was a merchant captain. How many more are there (and, for the honour of England, may there be many like him)—gallant, accomplished, high-spirited, enterprising masters of their noble profession. Can our fountain of honour not be brought to such men? It plays upon captains and colonels in seemly profusion. It pours forth not illiberal rewards upon doctors and judges. It sprinkles mayors and aldermen. It bedews a painter now and again. Diplomatists take their bath in it as of right, and it flings out a profusion of glittering stars upon the nobility of three kingdoms. Cannot Britannia find a ribbon for her sailors? The Navy, royal or mercantile, is a service. The command of a ship or the conduct of her involves danger, honour, science, skill, subordination, good faith. It may be a victory such as that of the Sarah Sands; it may be discovery such as that of the Fox; it may be heroic disaster such as that of the Birkenhead; and in such events merchant seamen as well as royal seamen take their share. Why is there not, then, an Order of Britannia?

LIGHT ON ROTTNEST ISLAND.

The Western Australian Government is giving notice that a light will shortly be exhibited from a lighthouse now in the course of erection at Bathurst Point, the north-east extreme of Rottnest Island, in latitude 31·59·15 south, and longitude 115·33·15 east. The light, which is a fixed dioptric light of the second order, will be exhibited from a stone tower of a natural grey colour, and will have a height of focal plane above high water of 28ft. It will be visible from seaward over an arc of 200 degrees, i.e., between the bearings east three-quarter south, through north to north-west by west quarter-west, and should be seen from the deck of a vessel 15ft. above sea level about 15 nautical miles in clear weather.

FREIGHT QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Elder, Smith, and Co., under Adelaide date the 10th instant, note:—

Wool Season.—Shipments of wool to date, 116,996 bales.

London Berth Loading.—Present quotations: Steamer rates, ⅝d greasy, ⅞d scoured; skins, 7/6; leather, 55s; wine, 40s; bark, 40s, nominal; measurement, 40s. Sailers: Wool, ½d greasy, ⅝d scoured; skins, 4/6; wine, 30s; bark, 30s; measurement, 30s.

Wheat, United Kingdom or Continent.—Rates may be quoted nominally 30s to 31s 3d. Fixture: Norwegian Emma Parker 1157 tons, for Channel, with South African option (private).

Silver Lead Ore and Concentrates (to load at Port Pirie for United Kingdom or Continent.)—A contract extending over several months is reported to have been made with French sailing ship owners, rate not transpired. Sailer rates may be quoted nominally at 32s 6d to 35s for direct port, for vessels not over 20 years old, ship paying lighterage; cost of trunkway divided. Freeboard W.N.A. loadline.

Miscellaneous.—Ladstock, 771 tons; Callao, wheat (home charter); Limena, 992 tons; Galgorm Castle, 1507 tons, Antofagasta, sulphides, 25s; Norwegian Niels Bibe, 323 tons, Fiji to Europe, copra, 55s.

South Africa.—Fixture: Otago, 346 tons (private). Present orders filled. Freights nominally 30s to 35s, according to size and ports of discharge. Forward tonnage is neglected.

New Zealand.—Rates may be quoted at 57s 6d to 60s per 1000 superficial feet for a direct port. United Kingdom.

Lumber from Puget Sound and Burrard's Inlet may be quoted at 60s to 65s per 1000 superficial feet, Adelaide, Port Pirie, or Melbourne.

Jarrah Timber, Western Australia.—Tonnage is in good demand at 46s 3d to 48s 9d direct port United Kingdom and 35s for various South African ports.

Newcastle, N.S.W.—Coal tonnage is in good demand, viz.: San Francisco, 15s 6d; San Diego, 20s; Honolulu, 22s 6d; Valparaiso (for orders), 18s to 18s 6d; Manila, 18s to 20s; Java, 20s; Hongkong, 18s; Singapore, 15s; Shanghai, 22s; Mazatlan 20s; Macassar, 20s; Mauritius, 20s; Noumea, 18s.

Shale Freights (Sydney loading).—To a direct port United Kingdom or Continent, nominal 33s 6d (with 2s 6d extra for Mediterranean ports).

Copra.—South Sea Islands to Europe. Freight nominal, 55s to 57s 6d on weight delivered, for handy-sized vessels, usual range of discharging ports. The bulk of South Sea and copra is now shipped to Sydney.

ENGINEERING WORK AT SEA.

An excellent piece of repair work at sea seems to have been that on the new British steamer Almora, which left Glasgow on January 18 for Newport News in ballast, and broke her intermediate shaft, but succeeded in patching it with iron bars for clamps and chains wound round, the coils being tightly wedged, so that she steamed nearly 600 miles to Halifax without assistance through some heavy weather.

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LATE MINING.

THE ASSOCIATED GOLD MINES.

KALGOORLIE, Monday.

No fuller details of the expenditure at the Associated Gold Mines for March are obtainable officially. Careful inquiries, however, have elicited the following facts:—The men employed in the production of ore at Tetley's shaft, inclusive of stoping, number 80 at Waddington's shaft, 16; total, 96. Employed at the mill and furnaces, 10 men per shift; delivering fuel and hoisting same, 6. Taking the workmen's wages at an average of £4 per week each, the cost of mining and roasting should not exceed £2000. The contractors' rate for handling ore at the cyanide vats is, say, 2s per ton, which is 10d per ton higher than is paid to the contractors at the oxidised mill. This would be for 3785 tons treated be approximately £380. The engine force required, namely, 200-h.p., is estimated at £70 per diem, totalling for the month £2171. The consumption of firewood at the furnace for the month is 527 cords, costing at the local rates of 20s per cord equal to £527. Grouping the above figures £5078 is the charge against the ore from the face of the underground workings to the hands of the chemist. These items have been carefully checked by competent mining authorities here, who vouch for their accuracy based on the working results at other local mines. This leaves a balance of £13,556 out of the return of the cost of production for March, to be absorbed in cyanide consumption, assay staff, management, and a due proportion for office expenses, equivalent to £1 11s 7d per ton. It is suggested that the Comptroller has included the whole expenses of the chairman of director's visits and the experts' fee for inspection, said to be £3000. Last month's run must be considered fairly successful. Each furnace roasted 61 tons of 27dwt. ore each, and the cyanide residues retained 11dwt. of coarse gold per ton. Practically the whole of this ore was from Tetley's lode, which previously had been treated as smelting material. The earlier work of the sulphide plant was on stone from the Australia East lode, from which about 70,000 tons of oxidised and 8000 tons of sulphide ore have been successfully treated on the mine. The gold in the Australia East lode, occurring in a finer state of division than in Tetley's lode, it is believed that a further instalment of the Huntington mills and numbers of grinding plates will be added to the plant. This work will entail relatively but little expenditure or delay.

KIANDRA, Monday.

The gold dredge Expectation now is working smoothly.

YIELDS.

GOLD.
Lady Mary, Norseman, 600 tons, 219oz.
Sulphide Corporation, N.L., 817oz.
SILVER.
Sulphide Corporation, 10,587oz.

LECTURE BY DR. O'DONNELL.

ANCIENT IRELAND.

Dr. O'Donnell, of Melbourne, delivered an interesting lecture in the Guildhall, Castlereagh-street, last night on "Ancient Ireland, its Civilisation, Art, and Culture." The building was crowded, and Dr. MacCarthy presided. The chairman said that Dr. O'Donnell needed no introduction to an Irish audience, and he read a congratulatory telegram from the Celtic Club, Melbourne, regarding the efforts of the lecturer. Dr. O'Donnell presented an historical account of the Irish race in a most entertaining and instructive way, and it was surprising how much ground he covered in the time at his disposal. He dealt with early Irish civilisation, defined the clan system, and described the perfection that had been attained under the Brehon system 1500 to 2000 years ago in law and jurisprudence. The conversion of Ireland to Christianity was described, and the lecturer showed how the whole of the country became a mass of churches and monasteries, and the home of religious thought and learning of Western Europe. He dwelt on the exile of St. Columba to Iona, and the upraising there of a city of churches, and referred to the departure of missionaries to England, Lindisfarne, and the Continent of Europe. He gave an account of some of the missionaries, and their careers in Gaul, Germany, and Italy. The lecturer then devoted his remarks to a description of the high standard the early Irish had attained in art, as exemplified by work on vellum in the formation of manuscript illuminations, stone carving, exquisitely sculptured Celtic crosses, and in metal in the formation of ornaments, crosses, croziers, chalices, and other religious furniture of the finest workmanship. A series of very interesting lantern pictures was shown giving illustrations from the book of Kells, the book of Durrow, and various specimens of ancient Irish art. The lecture closed with a recital of later periods of Irish history having especial reference to the present celebration.

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ONE OF OURSELVES.

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CHAPTER XI.

THE MOCK BILLY IN THE SUMMER-HOUSE.

"You see," confessed Georgie, one day not long after this, "I did feel that you were mysterious and secretive; and it was so unlike you, Bet. When we went out for our strawberries after dinner"—this had become a habit—"you used to pick one or two, and then be off by yourself, wandering up and down away from us all, among the slugs." Slugs prevailed in the garden in the warm dusk of the summer nights.

"You would not even walk up and down with Lionel, as you used to do," proceeded the speaker, "so then I could not help wondering what you were thinking about. And—and there seemed nothing—I mean no one else to think of."

"I daresay I did think of him," Bet smiled gently. "As you say, we don't have very much else; I mean we have no one else to interest us. He is interesting, of course. He knows so much; and it is a different kind of knowing from other people's. But if I had thought you felt this too——"

"Isn't it strange," said Georgie, with a shy smile, "that we should both have been afraid to speak of it? It must have been because of our having been so silly before. Before that day, you know? Bet, how could we? Doesn't it seem—sometimes I can hardly believe it. And we might have gone on and on in our silliness if it hadn't been for Mrs. Tom, whom we were making fun of too. Mrs. Tom is really very nice now, don't you think?"

"And we called her 'That awful woman!'" assented Bet, cheerfully, "when she was doing us the best turn anyone ever did! I wonder now—" she paused to contemplate the wonder.

"Whether she meant it? Meant him for one of us, as we fancied?"

"She couldn't. She could never suppose he would think of us, not for a moment——"

"Oh, no; not for a moment," decidedly.

"Of us," repeated Bet, with deep contempt. "Poor little trumpery, rubbishy us. He who goes to all sorts of houses, and meets girls——" she sighed. Of late she had heard a good deal about the girls Mr. Farrell was in the habit of meeting.

"It is very good of him to care to talk to us at all," acquiesced Georgie, with equal self-depreciation. "He does care; I think he feels very kindly towards his poor little birds; he little knows how they opened their beaks and yelled at him——"

"Birds don't yell, miss." Bet gave her sister a little friendly shake.

"Anyhow they put him up to auction. They took shares in him. They ran for him in the 'Billy Handicap'"——

"They made fools of themselves in every way they could—don't let us talk of it." Bet flung a pea in her hand from her. "If I live to be a 90, I don't think I could ever make such a mistake again. It is humiliating to have done it once. Lionel says he hopes it will be a lesson to us; but even Lionel never knew all. I mean about our mock 'Billy' that we put up in the summer-house and shied stones at. Georgie, I saw it the other day, that thing. It was buried in the tangle at the back of the kitchen garden; but I was hunting for something, and came upon it, with its painted face——" "It's pink lips!" cried Georgie, with a nervous titter.

"The pink had run, and it was all more or less washed out; but it was hideous, and no more like——"

"And we thought it his very image!"

"What shall we do with it?" reflected Bet, when the mirth had subsided. "I took it out to see if I could not break it up or burn it, but it was as hard as flint; and I heard the rest of you coming, so I threw it in again, and there it is now."

"Is it? Oh, it can't stay there." Georgie started to her feet. "Only suppose if anyone were to find it! Suppose if he—— !"

"Although it isn't the very least bit like," reiterated Bet, emphatically, "and no one could ever guess who it was meant for. Could they? It might be Lionel, or anyone."

"Except that Lionel has no beard; and—and it had a sort of horrid resemblance;—you know people's faces always do look like—you never can mistake whom they are meant for. And she never did anything so good as Billy—I mean so bad—I am so unfair.

"Anyone can be caricatured," Bet bethought her of a new idea. "Mr. Farrell told me a good deal about caricaturing once; how it was done, and who were the best caricaturists of the day."

"Did you tell him about Poll?"

"I began, and then I suddenly recollected that thing in the summer house. It was while it was still there. I had a most dreadful feeling when I thought of it. Why did we leave it up so long?"

"Because no one liked to be the one to take it down," supplied Georgie, promptly. "Or even to speak of it, Bet. Your quietly abducting the 'Billy' that belonged to us all—or to Poll, if to anyone in particular—without saying a word, without even a whisper—was one of the first things that made me—you know what," nodding. "I knew it was you. I went," laughing and colouring, "to do it myself; but then I meant to tell everybody that I had done it. You did it,—but you never said a word. And 'Billy' was gone when I got to the summer-house."

"I fell in such a rage with him, I just rammed him down among the rhubarb plants and thought he would rot there," said Bet. "First, I battered his face against the pole of the summer-house. But he wouldn't break: so I threw him into the rhubarb bed. . . . It seemed as if we were always having rhubarb tart after that. I ordered gooseberries again and again, and up came rhubarb. Because that lazy Robert hates the trouble of picking gooseberries, I suppose. . . . I felt sure 'Billy' must be exposed at last; and when I went to look—that day you were screaming after me, and were so cross because I didn't answer, when you wanted money for the railway fare——"

"I remember; you looked quite flurried, and gave me twice too much."

"How could I but be flurried? There was 'Billy' lying full in view, where anyone could see him! With not even his wrong side uppermost!"

"And that had 'Billy' painted upon it as large as life." Despite new sensations, Georgie could not but revel in the remembrance. "I painted that part myself," she recalled triumphantly; "three coats; three thick coats of white. But then as no one but us knew who 'Billy' was, and it was only because Poll had made the face so very like——"

"So very like!" echoed Bet, sharply. "Like?"

"So like what we thought Billy used to be;" with immense emphasis. "Like our idea of him. Only our idiotic idea of him, of course," looking to see if this was satisfactory. "Why, Bet, you know," reproachfully, "that he is quite as much my friend as yours; and I am only talking of the 'Billy' that was. (We never call the real Billy 'Billy' now, do we?" in parenthesis.) "It makes all the difference. Our present Billy is Mr. Farrell; quite, quite another person from the Billy-goat invented by ourselves. Our creature was——"

"A mythological creature; that is a creature that never existed," expounded Bet, who, under the guidance of Mr. Farrell, had been studying mythology. "But don't you want to hear what happened to it?" She was bursting to tell, for even in her desperation she had smothered a laugh; and the two, quite the malicious imps of old, now interchanged delight as she poured forth.

"First, I kicked it; kicked it back and forward till it got quite rhubarby. The rhubarb was wet after the rain, and all the red stalks were soft and pulpy. 'Billy' banged about among them——"

"Oh, Bet, I wish I had been there!"

"Then I took it, and threw it over the wall, and went round, and there it was on the open path, looking more hideous——"

"And Billy-like——"

"Than ever. Vile thing. I had another bang at it, and it cracked. But you know what a great, strong board it was? Though I wrenched and wrenched I could not get it broken. It just squeaked and looked at me. Then I went into the tool shed, and got a hoe, and scraped it. It looked as if 'Billy' were crying."

"Oh—oh—oh!"

"Don't laugh so loud; Poll will hear you, and want to know what it is about? She said to me the other day she thought Robert must have wanted to use the board, for he had taken it away."

"She had better think that, Bet; hadn't she?"

"I didn't tell a lie," said Bet with pride. "I said, 'Or someone else,' and she has forgotten about it. But you know how thick she had laid on the paint——"

"She says you ought, or it has no effect."

"So Billy just cried on, and I could have cried too, I was so wild; and I did so want you to help. Together we could have done for it somehow, even if we had to carry it away—but I could not carry it alone. So I shied it back over the wall into the garden again. It seemed the safest place; safer than the wood, anyway. And at last it did seem as if it had got lost. I never was more thankful than when I came back and it was really gone. I looked about for quite a long time, and——"

"When did you find it again?"

"Yesterday evening, I told you; I had really forgotten the whole thing; for it is—let me see—it is two months and more since all that—I mean since my first taking it down and rhubarbing it. It was the end of April then."

"And where did you say it is now?"

"Pretty well hidden in a vegetable mash. I don't know what the things are, but there is a great, green clump, and I plunged in—oh, I know what I went for: it was for that tennis ball you sent too far the day those girls were here, and we would not stop the game to hunt it out. It was a good ball, and I thought it ought to be found—but I did not bargain for finding the lost 'Billy' too."

Georgie considered. "Bet, shall we rout him out and bury him?"—she proposed soberly. "You see it is all very well as long as he keeps there; but any day that stupid Robert may take it into his head to clear out the place——"

"I thought of that." The two faced each other seriously.

"All kinds of strange vegetables keep appearing at dinner now," continued Bet. "It makes me feel bad whenever a new one comes up. I knew all along that it must have been among them that 'Billy' was lying hid; though it was only yesterday I found him; and I was wondering just now if I had not better tell you, and get you to help——"

"Of course I'll help; I'll go and get a spade."

"It would be a good time"—the shades of evening were falling, "a very good time," assented Bet, thoughtfully; "with Lionel out of the way——" (he had gone to smoke a pipe with a neighbour)—"if we were only sure of Poll——"

"Why not tell her?" said Georgie suddenly.

"Why not?" Bet flushed and hesitated. Somehow she did not wish to tell Poll.

"I am sure she would understand," urged Georgie with confidence. "Poll is all right when she is in a thing. It is when we leave her out in the cold that she is sniffy and resents it. I should do the same in her place."

"Well, I don't mind," but Bet still looked reluctant.

"You know how I felt," hinted her sister; "and then, as soon as ever you talked about it—I mean about him—*I didn't mind anything*. And I daresay Poll has been wondering to herself——"

"But Poll is not you."

"Oh, Bet!" An ineffable gleam overspread every feature as a warm little heart swelled beneath the words. Suddenly Bet felt her hand seized and squeezed. "We're just us," cried Georgie, lucidly; "but we are very fond of our Pollkins too; and we wouldn't be unkind to her for anything. And she needn't—she needn't know quite all, Bet."

"All right," said Bet, but still with a palpable yielding of her own inclinations.

It had cost her something to be open even with her other self, with the little Georgie she had cuddled and coddled, frowned at and lectured, and almost made with her own hands—(whilst still dissatisfied with the making)—but she and Poll were cast in two separate moulds.

(To be continued.)

WOOLLAHRA FINANCES.

At the last meeting of the Woollahra Municipal Council a discussion took place upon the finances of the borough, and a statement of the receipts and expenditure for the half-year ending February 5, 1900, was submitted by Mr. C. A. Vivian (council clerk). The statement (which had been duly audited) showed the bank overdraft as standing at £2930 6s 2d. August credit balance, £42 1s 2d. Total receipts from all sources, £2969 9s 1d. The general rate receipts amounted to £2158 10s 1d for the whole borough, divided as follows:—Piper Ward, £1106 11s 8d; Edgecliff Ward, £640 16s 5d; Bellevue Ward, £105 11s; and Double Bay Ward, £285 11s. The special lighting rate received amounted to £534 12s 9d; receipts for kerbing and guttering, £106 3s; earth pans and cesspits, £115 15s 6d; sundry receipts from various sources, £73 17s 9d. The total expenditure for the period amounted to £5941 6s 5d, including £238 5s 6d interest upon loans and overdraft, and £1200 a second instalment on account of repayment of the loan of £6000. The street lighting cost the sum of £410 3s 4d, towards which sum Piper Ward contributed £158 17s 5d; Edgecliff Ward, £101 1s 7d; Bellevue Ward, £58 12s 2d; and Double Bay Ward, £91 12s 2d. Scavenging and removing house refuse caused an expenditure of £402 1s 11; earth pans, &c., £59 18s 6d; kerbing and guttering, £249 19s 6d, of which total the sum of £211 9s had been expended in Edgecliff Ward. Considerable street improvements had been carried out, totalling £534 17s 8d in Piper Ward; £627 8s 3d in Edgecliff Ward; £188 9s in Bellevue Ward; and £512 10s 9d in Double Bay Ward. The general charges (divided proportionately over the four wards) amounted to £883 2s 6d. The debentures outstanding included £2000 (first issue), £3600 (second issue), £2000 (third issue); total £7600. The ward balances were as follow:—Debit: Edgecliff Ward, £13,693 19s 6d; and Double Bay, £7551 13s 3d. Credit: Bellevue Ward, £6919 11s 5d; and Piper Ward, £4095 15s 2d; leaving a total indebtedness of £10,530 6s 2d, against which were outstanding rates (general and special) amounting to £421 12s. The statement and audit, after discussion, were received and adopted.

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES OF CHRIST.

A conference of representatives of Associated Churches of Christ was held at the Tabernacle, Enmore, on Good Friday, under the presidency of Mr. D. A. Ewers. The chairman delivered an address, the title of which was "Looking Backward, or Lessons from the Past." Reports were submitted to the conference dealing with home and foreign missions. The mission at Woollahra conducted by Mr. T. Bagley had, it was stated, become self-supporting after an existence of 19 months. At Lismore Mr. W. J. Way had been labouring since last June, and 31 were added by faith and baptism. At Rookwood, Mr. L. A. Williams was preaching to large audiences, and 16 had recently been baptised. The mission at Marrickville also reported steady progress, while at Merewether, Newcastle, the interest was increasing, and a new mission point at New Lambton had been opened by the Merewether agent. The foreign mission committee reported that missionaries were supported in India and among the Kanakas of Queensland. Mission work was also being carried on among the Chinese in Melbourne, Sydney, and Corowa. The statistical schedule showed the present number of members or communicants in the co-operating churches to be 1573. There are 1480 Sunday school scholars and 129 teachers. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. G. P. Jones; vice-president, Mr. G. T. Walden; secretary, Mr. R. Steer; assistant secretary, Mr. Arnott; treasurer, Mr. J. T. Hunter; committee, Messrs D. A. Ewers, E. Gole, W. M'Indoe, P. A. Dickson, and J. Chapple; foreign mission committee, Messrs. J. Hunter, G. T. Walden, D. Ewers, E. Gole, Mrs. Bagley, sen., Mrs. D. Ewers, and Miss Fox; temperance committee, Messrs. D. Hall, G. T. Walden, L. A. Williams, J. Routes, T. Morton, T. Bagley, and J. Colbourne. Amongst the more important motions was one that the conference committee be requested to prepare a report for next conference re a fund for support of aged or disabled preachers. The committee was also instructed to arrange with committees of the other colonies for a jubilee celebration in 1902 of the commencement of the work in Australia. A resolution in favour of public-houses being brought under the provisions of the Early Closing Act was carried unanimously. Affiliated with the General Conference is a sisters' conference which held its annual meeting in the City Temple, Campbell-street, Sydney, last Monday. Mrs. D. Ewers was re-elected president, Mesdames Walden and Jones vice-presidents, Miss T. Smith secretary, Mrs. Morrison treasurer, and Mrs. Hammill financial secretary. On Saturday afternoon a number of delegates and friends spent a pleasant time on the steamer Rose in an excursion round the harbour.

Writing on the decline of the French language, M. Jean Finot points out that at the end of the last century French was the language spoken by the greatest number of civilised people, whereas now it stands fourth. English is spoken by 116,000,000, Russian by 85,000,000, German by 80,000,000, and French by 58,000,000.

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THE SIEGE OF WEXFORD-STREET.

By L. C.

"Splash—whack!" went the bombardment of a succession of queer little shells against the walls of the houses in the quarter. As they flattened themselves out they showed that they were of that grim kind known as Government Proclamations, a species of missile that it is difficult to reply to. Opening hostilities by this formidable discharge, the enemy quickly brought up reinforcements in the shape of cartloads of timber.

"Bang, bang," went the clatter of a hundred hammers as barricades upreared their mushroom front. Minions of the law in swift and stealthy fashion took up their positions at various points of exit, and lo, and behold, the kingdom of Wexford was entrapped—the siege had begun.

So sudden had been the attack that many inhabitants were taken unawares, and for a little while failed to properly grasp the change that had come about. A few minutes before they had roamed peacefully through their circumscribed domain free and independent citizens, and now, in the twinkling of an eye, they were walled in and presented as exhibits to the wondering gaze of the gathering crowd without.

"Me want to get out," said a meek almond-eyed Chinaman with a bland smile to a stalwart policeman who barred the street end.

"You must stay where you are," the officer answered gravely but firmly. Some young Europeans approached and in more emphatic language, as members of a superior race, declared their intention of forcing a passage, but threats and cajoleries were alike of no avail. The motto that seemed to sum up the position of both parties was "j'y suis, j'y reste."

When the exact state of affairs was recognised those within the enclosed area philosophically accepted their lot, and indeed seemed rather to enjoy the novelty of the situation. An amused smile spread over their countenances. They took up positions on the pavement and on doorsteps, and with lofty mien surveyed the outside world with quite a new interest. It is surprising how a throw of the dice of circumstance lends a fresh significance to the most ordinary men and women and their surroundings. Passers-by in the street came up to the barriers and stood rooted in fascination, gazing at their fellows inside as though they were fantastic objects belonging to some strange race. The houses, too, they regarded with gaze of awe, as though fully convinced that they were haunts of secret terror. As far as lightness of heart went the besieged had an easy superiority over the spectators without. They chatted and laughed and exchanged jokes with one another, and indulged in sallies at the expense of their audience.

"How did you get out, Jack?" was the malicious query thrown across the barrier at one of a little throng in the free highway. The innocent individual thus addressed laughed uneasily, but did not seem to appreciate the witticism as fully as the bystanders.

Presently the unusual spectacle was witnessed of a man without seeking to gain admittance. It was the lamplighter going his usual rounds, and the call of duty appeared to him superior to petty restraints such as quarantine.

"You may go in," said the urbane policeman, "but you'll not come out again." Expostulations proving vain, he had to march on his way, leaving dim these classic thoroughfares.

Wexford-street and its neighbourhood form a great Chinese stronghold, and there was some interest in seeing how this race took to the quarantine yoke. It is said, with what truth I cannot declare, that the Chinese in this instance ably maintained their reputation for subtlety by being forewarned of the coming catastrophe, and leaving early in some numbers for the homes of their compatriots near at hand. Whether this was the case or not, a fair proportion were to be seen behind the barriers, imperturbable as is their wont, and bearing their characteristic enigmatic smile. One of their number furnished an exciting episode in the early history of the siege. Desiring his liberty, and spurning the terrors of the law, he leapt the barricade and made a dash for freedom. An officer was quickly after him, but he was not fleet-footed enough for the wily celestial, who made his safe escape.

The police on duty were allowed to smoke, and it gave quite a festive air to the proceedings to see these custodians of law and order complacently puffing away at their pipes as they walked up and down the length of street allotted to them. The soothing influence of the tobacco seemed to impart a graciousness to their disposition and to incline them to be communicative with those on both sides of the barrier. They listened sympathetically to stories of hardships entailed in certain cases by the enforced retirement from the world, and pleasantly accepted the badinage of some of their prisoners. These latter, proud of their absolute security from arrest, and exulting in the novelty of their situation, indulged in some pointed remarks, but on the whole the chaff was good-humoured. A few of those within, unable to resist the temptation to freely break the law, started that forbidden form of gambling known as pitch and toss. Strange to say, however, now that they could pursue the game with impunity, or at most with the frail chance of a future summons, it lost its power to charm, and was quickly discontinued.

Young girls and married women with babies in their arms, feeling the time hang heavily on their hands, came out of doors and gossiped with the policemen and with the spectators in the street. Many of the latter conversations were pitched in a high tone and were audible to all in the vicinity, but this trifle did not disconcert them in the least. In some cases it was difficult to distinguish the quarantined from those without, for the barriers had not yet been erected. People from quarantined houses abutting on the street came out of their dwellings and promenaded up and down the pavement, while their friends advanced right up to the gutter to talk with them. Handshakes were interchanged, and those in the street executed many little commissions for the imprisoned ones. Newspapers were brought to them, and sundry delicacies such as tea and fruit were also passed across. With this exchange of courtesies going on, and the proximity it entailed between those within and those without the infected area, the quarantine that was imposed seemed somewhat of an anomaly. Except for the purpose of disinfecting and cleansing, the segregation of the area marked off was of little avail. For all practical purposes, those shut in might just as well have been allowed their full liberty, for their contact with the outside world was almost uninterrupted. The moral effect, however, of the quarantine in impressing on all the gravity of attending to sanitary arrangements was probably not inconsiderable.

If the siege had its humorous it also had its grim and serious aspect. A house-to-house inspection revealed a state of things that may be imagined but need not be described. There are times when a well-worn phrase such as "our common humanity" ceases to have application. It bears a cruel irony.

Many hundred vigorous hands were soon at work, and the task of demolition, of scouring and disinfecting, was undertaken with a will. Cartload after cartload of filth and rubbish was removed, and King Plague must have felt sorely grieved as he witnessed the departure of this material so promising for the furtherance of his fell designs.

On a vacant piece of land within the quarantined area a bonfire was made of old boxes and boards, and round the leaping flames a horde of urchins disported themselves with infinite glee. They danced a war dance round the burning mass, pausing every now and then to throw on fresh food for the fire. One of them remarked, "What a pity it's not New Year's Eve; what a time we'd have with all this stuff to burn." A remark to the policeman on duty elicited the information that these boys did not live within the quarantined area. They had slipped in to share in the fun.

"Now they're there they'll have to stop," he declared with an air of authority. One of these precocious ones, turning from the fire, said calmly to a companion in the street, and within the hearing of his gaoler, "I'll be out in half an hour," meaning by this as soon as it was dusk.

It is said that many country visitors have failed to make their customary visit to the city at this holiday season owing to fear of the plague; but if these far off ones could have witnessed the cheerful and careless demeanour of the besieged they would probably have taken heart and reconsidered their decision. The attitude of the imprisoned ones was at first that of amused pity for the foolishness of the authorities in thinking it necessary to resort to such stringent measures. As the siege advanced their characteristic frame of mind was that of extreme boredom. Of alarm or scare there was not the least sign.

What must the quaint, old-world, squat little mansions of this aristocratic quarter have thought of the rude awakening of their prehistoric sloth! The fumes of opium and many other less definable odours some of them had learned to grow accustomed to and to rather relish, as well as the weird din of a Chinese orchestra and gabble of an excited crowd round the fan-tan table. But they shuddered at the harsh surprise of a copious hosing of water. At the first whiffs of disinfectant stuffs they gasped, and were *fairly stifled* when the crude pervading odours crept into every nook and cranny and worked their way into their very joints. It was an experience never to be forgotten by them. When to these inflictions there was added the further barbarity of partial demolition, and they felt their members being ruthlessly torn one from another, the cup of grief was full to the brim, and brick and rafter sighed out in mute appeal to the cruel executioners. Strange, penetrating blasts of air, and the inquisitive peeping of sickening rays of sunlight knocked them into a comatose state.

For many a long year to come gable will whisper to gable, and alley to alley, in the stillness of the night, of the terrible persecutions of that never-to-be-forgotten time.

THE FAR EAST.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PEKIN.

HONGKONG, March 15.

Since the attempted coup d'etat of the Empress Dowager matters seem to have quietened down somewhat in Pekin so far as the Emperor is concerned, but the opposition shown to his deposition by the members of the Reform party has caused the wrath of the Dowager to arise afresh, and she is steadily seeking out all who are in any way connected with the reform movement, in order that she may get them in her power and deal with them as she may desire. The result is that all over the country men have had either to secrete themselves from the emissaries of the Empress or fly for their lives, and the arrest of King Lien Shan shows that even a foreign flag may not be adequate protection. It is said that upon receiving the telegram from the last-named official protesting against the dethronement of the Emperor, the old lady flew into a terrible rage and declared that no matter what it cost her or the Empire she would encompass his destruction. Hence the charge which has been trumped up against him in order that he may be given up by the Portuguese authorities at Macao. I hear that it is necessary to guard him most strictly while in Macao, as the Empress has sent men to assassinate him as soon as the opportunity occurs. Indeed, rewards are being offered on all hands for the capture of reformers, either dead or alive. Of course the Empress is playing right into the hands of Russia by her present tactics, for sooner or later she is bound to bring on disturbances, and then will come Russia's opportunity to step in and "preserve order," and what that will mean it is not hard to guess. Russia will send troops into the country and forget to withdraw them, and the whole of the northern provinces will become a dependency of the Czar. Russia certainly holds the trump cards at the present moment, and is high in the favour of the Empress Dowager. What a thousand pities it is that Britain did not espouse the cause of the young Emperor from the time of the Kang Yu Wei incident. Had we done so, we should have had matters well in hand by now, and the chances are a hundred to one that Russia would have gracefully accepted the inevitable. But it is useless to hope for anything but a policy of drift with a Parliament who still look upon China as a Power, and a Minister who either cannot or will not take strong action. It will take years to regain the prestige that we have lost during the last two or three years, and it is still further declining at the present time owing to the kind manner in which other nationalities are spreading the news of disasters in South Africa throughout China. One half of the Chinese now really believe that we are powerless and cannot protect ourselves. The result of this foolish policy will, I fear, become apparent only too soon, and then we shall have endless trouble. We have opened the way to China for the world, and now for the want of a little energy on our own part are being rapidly ousted. Others reap where we have sown.

BRITISH BLUEJACKETS BAMBOOED.

News of an outrage perpetrated by Chinese upon three British bluejackets belonging to H.M.S. Woodcock, at present engaged in making a survey of the Yangtsze, has just been received from Hankow. The three men were sent away in a small boat up a creek near Shashi to see if the British Consul with his houseboat was there. When twenty hours had elapsed without the return of the boat, the Woodcock sent for assistance to the Esk and a steam pinnace was sent down to join in the search for the missing men. The British Consul, who was at Shashi, was informed, and he communicated with the Taotai, who immediately sent out search parties. The men were eventually found and brought back by men sent out by the Taotai. It appears that after the boat got into the creek, a blinding snowstorm coming on, she was carried some 20 miles into the heart of Hunan. After wandering about in the snow for some time they reached a village, and, without any provocation whatever, were immediately set upon by over a hundred of the villagers, armed with sticks, pitch-forks, and bamboos. The sailors were entirely unarmed, and were quickly caught and trussed up like so many chickens. They were then bambooed and horribly ill-treated by their cowardly assailants, and after having been kept tied up to trees in the snow they were released, and made the best of their way to the river, having been over 48 hours without food. They were eventually found by one of the Taotai's men, who gave them hot tea and what poor food was to be procured at a Chinese inn, and then took them a long march of 20 miles to the Yangtsze, where he commandeered the first passing sampan and landed them safely with the Shashi Customs Staff, by whom they were looked after, and eventually returned to their ship. The matter has been reported to the Admiral and the British Minister at Peking, and it is hoped that steps will be taken to punish the villagers. These outrages are becoming only too common now, and it is necessary that an example should be made. How long will it be before they understand in England that China can only be impressed by force? It is not the least use demanding apologies and compensation. Such a demand is but looked upon as a sign of weakness and fear.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

The tension between the Japanese and Russians still continues, and it is common talk that hostilities cannot be long postponed, though certainly such rumours have been in the air for the last two or three years. It is said that Japan is only awaiting the arrival of her battleship Shikishima, recently built in England and now on the way out, to commence hostilities. It is a significant fact that it has just transpired that a telegram has been sent to the Admiralty announcing the fact that the flagship Centurion is fit to stay out here for a further term, and it is said that this means that she will be retained on the station in addition to the Glory, which was to have relieved her. This certainly looks as though trouble was expected in this quarter shortly, as also does the feverish haste with which the naval authorities have been accumulating fresh stocks of Welsh coal, of which there is now an immense amount in Hongkong. Wei-hai wei has also laid in a large stock of fuel. Needless to say there is a good deal of discussion throughout the fleet as to the meaning of it all, and those who were looking forward to going home next month in the flagship are beginning to feel a trifle dubious anent it.

PIGEON SHOOTING.

NEW SOUTH WALES GUN CLUB.

As advertised, £1 sweepstake shooting open to all comers, will take place this afternoon at the Gun Club's grounds, Botany, at 2.30 o'clock.

OPEN HANDICAP.

A handicap of £115 and trophy valued at £10, open to all comers, is set down for decision to-morrow, and will commence at 11 o'clock. The following are the handicaps:—

C. Massey, A. W. Fales, and *Herbert, 31 yards; *Lockaly, 30; G. R. M'Intosh, 29; *Vincent, 28; *Nyngan, W. Heath, G. Garratt, Butler, and E. Blake, 27; *Raynor, *Linden, T. Phipps, B. J. Merewether, F. C. Hope, and H. R. Kendall, 26; G. Pinch, *Walter, and G. Mack, 25; H. Hoarty, *R. Esty, F. M. Mack, and S. Watson, 24; J. M. Toohey, *Blair, and *Cygnet, 23; P. Glenister, 22.

* Assumed names.

All particulars regarding admission, luncheon, conveyance to ground, &c., will be found in our business columns.

MINING IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE COBAR FIELD.

(BY OUR SPECIAL MINING REPORTER.)

II.

After the expenditure of many thousands of pounds upon the purchase of mining plant, and the extensive development of the mines, the Cobar Gold Mines, Limited, started operating with their 100-head stamp mill and splendid steel vat cyanide plant in September of last year. The mining operations of this company have been watched by local people with keen interest for a long time, as much depended upon its successful achievements. For the information of "Herald" readers I may mention that the Cobar Gold Mines embrace a large area of Fort Bourke, taking in the old Jubilee on the north, and the Eureka and the North Chesney on the south. The total area of ground held under lease being over 100 acres. Each of these blocks was originally held by local people, and for some considerable time were worked in a limited way with profitable results. The areas were purchased by the present company and amalgamated as one lease. Considerable time was taken up in developing the central block, originally known as the Fort Bourke. Shafts were sunk upon various points of the tremendously-large lode formation, which, by the way, averages from 40ft. to 50ft. thick. From the main shaft, sunk to a depth of 206ft. going north, a drive has been extended 554ft. along the centre of the lode, and from it at various points large stopes have been opened, and in some sections of the drive the stopes lead from surface. Every ton of stone goes to the battery from the 40ft. or 50ft. of lode formation. About the central position of the drive some portions of the lode have been mined by the previous owners; that is, the richer streaks in the formation; but it is evident from later development that they left behind much good-grade ore in the partly worked portions.

The lode is one mass of gold-bearing material, which is being put through the mill at the rate of 250 tons per day. From the main drive ore chutes are placed at intervals through out the whole length, and as the stopes are depleted they are filled in by refuse material. The main shaft is sunk west of the lode, and from it a short drive connects with the main roadway. A dozen truckers are kept busily going on a double truck road to the shaft where the ore is hoisted to the battery tramway. The whole working of the mine and the general management, from the time the ore leaves the ore-chutes till it is delivered to the battery, could not be more perfectly regulated. From the mine hoist it is trammed and tipped on to the grizzlers, the larger pieces of ore fed into the rock breakers, the whole mass falling into a large ore-bin placed below, from which it passes out of shoots into trucks and is trammed to the battery bins along a roadway leading to each 50-head tier of stamps fed automatically. Water from the large reservoir is pumped to a storage tank above the mill, from which it is drawn as required for the battery and cyanide plant. New and important additions have been made all round since Mr. Fox took charge of the property, especially underground, where the work reflects the greatest credit upon the present manager. The tailings accumulations after being finally treated by cyanide, ion were becoming troublesome on account of the flat nature of the dumping ground below the battery. These are now being turned to good account. Whilst the writer was on the ground, the finishing touches were being put upon a separate line of tramway leading to the main stopes, where it is intended to deposit the used tailings to fill up the depleted workings, thus getting over a difficulty which at first sight would appear a troublesome one. Sand makes good filling, and its removal will keep free the limited space below the battery.

The cyanide plant in connection with this mine is under the charge of Mr. N. Danvers Power, and is the largest in New South Wales, if not in the whole of the colonies. The tailings from the battery are pumped up by a centrifugal pump worked from a special engine of eight-horse power, with a belt. The delivery pipe of this pump is 6in. in diameter, and the sand and water from the 100-head battery is easily raised to the top tier of vats, about 40ft. high. The pulp is delivered into a spitzkasten, where some of the slime is separated, the sand running on launders into the Butter's distributors, from which the upper vats are filled. There is an overflow arranged to each vat, over which the water and slimes escape, leaving the sand and about 10 per cent. of slime in the vat. Each of these vats (12 in number) when full holds about 200 tons of dry sand, and is 30ft. in diameter and 8ft. deep, inside measurement. A preliminary treatment takes place in the upper tier before the sand is discharged to the lower vats, which are erected immediately under the upper row. Each vat has four bottom discharge doors, and it takes about six men eight hours to empty the vat down below. In this double treatment not only is the percolation hastened and its regularity ensured, but it is claimed that the air getting at the half-treated stuff ensures the more perfect extraction of the gold. In the lower vat the extraction process is completed, and the residues are shovelled through the four discharge openings into trucks and trucked away.

The final discharge takes about 10 men eight hours. This includes six truckers. All solutions are pumped up with centrifugal pumps. The engine which drives the pump also drives a zinc table, which automatically cuts the zinc shavings used as a precipitant. The vats, spitzkasten, and launders are made of riveted steel, so that the weather does not affect them in any way. All sand before and after treatment is carefully sampled and assayed, and much trouble is taken to procure the correct weight of sand per vat, together with its moisture. The various solutions are also regularly assayed for gold contents, so that the superintendent, Mr. Power, knows exactly what is happening, and can immediately correct any irregularity. The gold is cleaned off from the zinc by the sulphuric acid method, and a Johnston filter press is used to dry the precipitate. The zinc boxes hold over one ton of zinc. These works employ some 24 hands, and treat about 1000 tons of sand a week. The cyaniding costs are stated to be 3s 1d, the mining 3s 6d, and the milling 2s 6d per ton, or a total of 9s per ton all round. The general arrangements of the mine and plant are not yet quite complete. When they are, it is calculated even the above low charges will be reduced. The owners from the first laid themselves out to deal with an immensely large low-grade proposition. With this object in view, they erected the present 100 head modern stamp mill. As stated before, different sections of the mine under notice and similar formations along the line of lode on the field have been worked for a good many years by local companies with small margins of profit.

Profiting by their partial success with small plants, the Cobar Gold Mines, Limited, determined to make their reducing plant as large as their capital would permit. Finding that their first scheme of "amalgamation only" was not as successful as they could wish, they determined to reorganise the company and provide a further sum of money for the purpose of adding the present large cyanide plant to the works, so as to effect a closer saving of gold contents. So far, the first process of sand treatment has been successful; the slimes of which the ore makes a large proportion have yet to be dealt with by separate treatment. Mr. Buckland, managing director, it is understood, is looking into the matter of procuring the best class of plant, which will shortly be installed. The average grade of the ore of the Cobar gold mines is not above that of other properties engaged on the same line of lode, but the general arrangement of plant and its capacity secures more economic treatment and a closer saving. Thus the company have been able even up to the present to make a substantial profit, which it is calculated will be largely increased when all matters of detail are complete. Concerning the gold output from the mine up to the end of December last, the managing director, Mr. Buckland, supplied me with the following particulars:—"The new cyanide plant was so far advanced that on August 30 last the company were able to commence crushing with portion of the 100 head of stamps. A fortnight later the whole of the mill and works were in full operation. Up to the end of the year 21,828 tons of ore was put through the battery for a yield, over the plates, of 2260oz. 9dwt 4gr. bullion, worth £7754 16s 3d, and from the cyanide works 1044oz. 18dwt. 18gr., worth £3027. The mill on an average can deal with 1500 tons per week, and the cyanide works can put through the sands produced, but not the slimes. Machinery to deal with the latter will probably be erected shortly." When the complete treatment of the ore is established it is calculated that a substantial profit will be made. All sections of the mine are developing well, there being enough ground opened up to keep the mill constantly going for a long time to come. The mine has certainly a bright future before it, and looks like fulfilling the anticipations of the shareholders.

ALEXANDRIA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

This council met on April 4. The Mayor (Alderman Banner) presided. There were also present Aldermen O'Riordan, Loveridge, Allan, Moles, Harden, M'Cauley, Munnee, Ralph, and Miller. A letter was received from the Erskineville Council forwarding a copy of a resolution that a conference of the Newtown, St. Peters, Alexandria, and Erskineville councils be held to consider the best means of disposing of the house refuse by the incinerator process, and asking the council to appoint three delegates to attend the conference. It was decided to co-operate, likewise to co-operate with the Newtown Council in holding a municipal conference to take steps to deal with the danger of unprotected waterholes leading to loss of life. The inspector reported that repairs had been effected in Mitchell-road, Alexander-street, and Garden-street. All waterholes had been cleaned out. The contractor for the removal of rubbish, &c., was carrying out his work satisfactorily. There was not a single case of fever of any kind in the borough, and residents were keeping their premises clean. All stables in the borough were to be washed with hot lime. The report was received and adopted.

The Duchess of Wellington, daughter-in-law of the Iron Duke, lent a watch, worn by her father-in-law at Waterloo, for the Art Exhibition at Weybridge, in aid of the War Fund.

Bubonic plague has broken out,
To leave a trail of death, no doubt;
A vile, detestable complaint,
O'er which few medicines have restraint.
Now, if it were a cough or cold,
Though e'er so deeply taken hold,
It could be cured with remedy sure,
With "Woods'" Great Peppermint Cure.—Advt.

THE KENNEL.

By F. F. L.

An all-round show like the Royal would please even the well-satisfied heart of a Yorkshireman, for there is everything to be found there in which he can delight and fill to the brim his cup of fancy. Like the old Darlington shows, everything with hair and feathers is to be found, but certainly the duration of the show is longer. Darlington is perhaps the biggest one-day show in the world, where the best of stock is exhibited from all parts of the United Kingdom. The arrangements are as clock work, and everything is accomplished without an effort. The country people flock in to the town in their tens of thousands, and depart again the same evening to their homes to discuss the merits of the different animals. For a Yorkshireman is fond of a good animal. Wasn't it the celebrated Mr. Bates, of Shorthorn fame, who said that he "could find 40 men fit to be a Premier for one to judge Shorthorns?" And it might be that a good many of the old ideas came to many when they looked upon the first day of the show on Wednesday. Personally it was the first of the kind I had seen in this country, but it would appear there are the same kindred spirits all the world over. There was the late man putting up his temporary business establishment, while the early man had started at taking orders. There was Mr. M. C. Davies, with his deerhounds and wolfhounds, that attracted great attention, for their fame as dingo killers had spread throughout the country. The competition had not commenced but Mr. Davies was there all the same, and there was always a group of people round him and his hounds whenever he stood still. Even the staid well-groomed police constable, who was on duty on the entrance to the members' enclosure, for a moment forgot himself. "Excuse me, sir; but how are those white ones bred?" "Oh, they're Russians." "Yes, sir, I knew they were something out of the common. I'm obliged to you, sir." And that is the way that going to shows does one good, since they are educational to a degree, and the information is generally there for the man, woman, or child who cares to inquire. Unfortunately the presence of the malady in Sydney seriously interfered with the entries from afar; but Mr. W. Finlay was over from Melbourne full of sporting lore, for he is fond of a good dog, and likewise a good horse. Mr. James M'Culloch, also from Victoria, was of course busy in the Jersey ring; but that celebrated herdsman had a minute that he could spare to talk about St. Bernards. Mr. Harold Gorman was there, too, eager for the fray of the Thursday; and Mr. F. D. Brown was busy about his horses, and showed us a cob up to 18st. Mr. Gee was there, like a good sportsman interesting himself on behalf of Mr. Tom Meadows, who we all regret to hear is very ill and leaving Sydney for a while—and his bulldogs. And there, too, was Mr. Ramsay all over smiles and favours that betokened his position on the council of the Royal. Mr. A. J. Gray was present with an eye for the cocks and hens; indeed, there was a good sprinkling of the fancy about anticipating the events of Thursday. There was a good deal of discussion going on in reference to some of the live stock classes as to which is the preferable, a single judge or two or three, or even more. That has always been a vexed question; and there is something to be said on either side. It is generally supposed that in the multitude of counsellors there is wisdom; but, again, there might be a good deal of the give-and-take policy. There is generally more despatch when a man who knows his work goes about it single-handed, and as a rule he keeps more to type.

There was a capital attendance at the show on Thursday, and the judging rings were the attraction all the morning. A large number of ladies were present, and their dogs were successful. The enclosures were very small, and it was hard to see a dog move properly. Again, some of the exhibitors were not of the best temper, and there was a good deal of snarling. There being only one approach to the enclosures caused a block, and locomotion was extremely difficult. There was, too, an absence of duplicate numbers, so it was difficult to identify the dogs while in the ring. Shows should always be more attractive to the outside public. And when dogs are in the ring is, of course, a nice sight. If their owners or handlers wore large numbers the people on the outside would be able to refer to their catalogues for their own information. Without these numeral cards the exposition becomes more or less a dumb show. It is to be hoped that the Kennel Club will use them. The ring steward can hand out the pasteboards, and they could be returned when the section is finished.

There was a good entry for the Royal, but it cannot be said that the quality was exceptional. Of course, there were some dogs that stood boldly out so far as regards their quality. But there were others, too, that were indifferent, which is always the case at every show. It was noticeable that indifferent feet were the rule rather than the exception, and this might be the fault of those who reared them. Always give puppies plenty of exercise and then we shall see fewer weak pasterns. There is also an inclination to remove the "superfluous hair" from the heads of some of the rough terriers. This was noticeable in the Irish terrier classes, but too much had been taken away, which made the heads appear round instead of flat. In fact, the finger and thumb of the manipulator had brought about an unsought effect. Then, again, there were a good many unsound mouths, and this blemish, especially in terriers, should not be tolerated by judges. A terrier is supposed to get his living by the aid of his teeth, and a bad mouth amounts even to a disqualification.

There was a large number of rough terriers, or Australian terriers, and it must be said they are smart little dogs—a sort of enlarged Yorkshire terrier—in some instances blue, and in others mustard in colour. Then there is the silky coated specimen that might, if crossed with the skye, produce the Paisley terrier, that beautiful dog that was placed before the public nine or 10 years ago. Blue and silver in colour, they were very handsome to look upon, and Mr. John King, of the shawl town, had a very fine team. The silky haired Australian seems a sharp game little fellow, and one dog there was particularly well made, being as corky as a hackney. They certainly appear to be popular with many, and with more uniformity of type there can be no reason why these dogs should not find favour across the seas.

There was a good deal of discussion going on on Thursday in reference to the utility side of the new importations, the Russian wolfhounds, and their capabilities as destroyers of dingoes. The borzoi is a "handy" dog in the land of the Czar, and he is used both on hares and wolves. He is very fast, game, and once he gets hold he will stick to the last. Some like big borzois, others like them small, and I have heard sportsmen say who hunted in Russia that they would prefer a greyhound to a borzoi, if the former would only stay there when he got a hold; for a Russian wolf is a big strong animal that can break a dog's leg with one snap, and a wary but determined leash of these borzois is required to pull one down. They make a running fight with their game, and exhausting him by bumping him, at the right moment they seize the wolf by the back or sides of the neck, and hold on until the chasseur rides up and despatches the quarry. Some of us have seen greyhounds that would kill foxes. Mistakes often occur, and accidents happen. To destroy Reynard in England other than by legitimate means, of hunting him with hounds, is of course tantamount to manslaughter, or worse, but a highly strung and nerved greyhound if he be loose, and an outlying fox jumps up before him, is hard to stop, and such occasions have arisen, and with disastrous effects to the fox. But then what is a British fox to a Russian wolf? Simply a small creature.

The sagacity of the dog is a subject about which one can never tire, and it might prove even interesting to the learned and scientific to discuss the reasoning that enable a dog to appreciate the danger of a snake. We have all seen the terrier that will rush in, pin a snake, and throw the reptile over his head. But sooner or later this foolhardiness on the terrier's part ends in his being bitten. Many a valuable dog has gone over to the majority by such means, and the gameness of the terrier in a snake country often means his death. But we have known a setter that would stand on a snake for a moment, and turning towards the gun skulk back with an expression that betokened fear, indeed demonstrating to the man that something uncanny was about. I once saw in the neighbourhood of the now famous Stormberg, where General Gatacre got his first and very serious reverse, a setter standing on a "ringhals," a small snake of the cobra order. The bitch was on one side of the spruit and the snake on the other, with his head erect and the hood fully displayed. They appeared to have hypnotised one another. The snake was the first to notice the presence of the gun, and he turned to get away up the banks of the dry little river bed. The bitch seemed pleased when she heard the report, but it was the first and only time that she was staunch on a reptile.

Mr. C. Court-Rice is returning on the Himalaya, but whether he has any dogs with him is as yet unknown. A cable was received from him last week that he was on the boat he went over on, so the trip will have been a flying one. Mr. Court-Rice will therefore be in time for the Kennel Club fixture to be held at the end of next month.

To a stranger it is always charming to discuss the merits of a new variety and to get to know what is wanted, and the animal required should be the aim of all people who interest themselves in dogs. Thus as "a new chum" I was introduced to the Australian terrier, and the judge (Mr. J. Hughes) and the winner of the principal prizes (Mr. W. B. Sams) were kind enough to give me every information. I fancy even at such an early date that one might have an idea of an Australian terrier. "Anything under 15lb. weight, not too long in the body, short on the leg, terrier-faced, and with a coat on him like an Irish terrier; blue and rich in tan in colour, he should give one the idea of being rough on everything his weight." Such was the happy standard of points I gained from the enthusiasts of the breed. The judge did not seem to favour the soft-coated ones, and again there were some apple-headed ones, with top-knots that would even suggest a Dandie Dinmont cross. The late Mr. E. Sampson, the founder of the London "Referee," and who used to write over "Pendragon," once used the term, "Crop his ears, dock his tail, and call him a terrier." It is evident that the sticklers for "type" in this breed have little *liking for* such a sweeping assertion. With the stock in the possession of breeders there is enough to go on with, and while the people of European and American cities rave about the monkey-faced and generally undershot Brussels Griffon, I, as an old-world beater in the dog line, can see no reason why the Australian terrier should not become popular. He is bigger and stronger than the Yorkshire, and I was told he should be built on the same lines, save that his coat should be profuse and harsh, just like a wire-hair fox terrier. Many perhaps saw a style of terrier that would be at least "rough on rats."

Mr. A. L. Noyes judged the spaniels on Friday, and the blacks won well, and rightly. Amongst the toys was a Blenheim extremely small. She was given the premier card. The old spaniel of the house of the Churchills—for Woodstock was "given by a grateful nation in the time of Queen Anne to the first Duke of Marlborough," and after Blenheim—if we are to follow the painters of the time, was a biggish dog that might even be confounded with our cocker of the present day. Not for a moment would one wish to advocate a big Blenheim spaniel, since he has become a lady's dog. The show was crammed on Friday; indeed, every one seemed very pleased and delighted.

THE SHOW.

PALACE HUNT CONTEST.

ADDITIONAL PRIZE-WINNERS.

The fifth day of the annual show season broke cold and boisterous, and as the hours wore on cloud and sunshine alternated, but the thermometer was consistently depressed. Nevertheless, gratifying gate receipts were recorded, the amount being £1711, which is the largest sum taken on any Easter Monday, and the society's grounds were busier than on any of the preceding days. An attractive programme had tempted the crowds, and its substantial merit in execution held them within the grounds until the last event in the ring. It was noticeable that a good proportion of the day's visitors merely spent the morning at the show, choosing that time, no doubt, as best suiting a quiet tour round the exhibits. The principal event in the ring was the second and final stage of the Palace Hunting Contest, which was commenced on Wednesday. The winner was Mr. P. Maher's Venture, and his performance on each day under the guidance of Cunningham was faultless. Venture has a good country show record. The judges had more trouble in fixing priority of claim for second place, but they awarded it to Mr. H. D. Morton's Pippo, the third prize falling to the same owner's Marano, both horses having been ridden by M. Gee. Desmond dropped with his rider into the dam at the water jump, and Unity came down at his second fence. The judges were Messrs Biddulph, Cobcroft, and Higgins. For the prize offered to the best display over hurdles by riders who had never taken a prize at the society's show, four ladies, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Davis, Miss Cox, and Miss Baker competed. They will conclude the contest to-day. The high jump afforded the closest and most exciting ring competition so far, and intense interest was evinced by the spectators in the progress of the contest. The first round at a height of 5ft. furnished a surprise in the defeat of Pippo, the beautiful chestnut who last year divided with Exchange for first place. M. M'Gee was the rider. The first 4in. rise was too much for Junior (steered by Smith), and at 5ft. 8in. Exchange, with Attewell in the saddle, failed to clear the pole. Desmond (M. M'Gee), Andover (Jones), Gladys (Hurn), and Marano (W. M'Gee) now remained. Both Desmond and Gladys jumped cleanly at the first asking. Andover succeeded on a second trial; but Marano had to retire. Desmond was the first put at the 6ft. 3in. measurement. He fell on top of his fence at the first attempt, and being unnerved baulked afterwards. Andover after twice baulking got over, but pulled the pole with him, and Gladys, after declining to rise at the first call, moved the pole twice subsequently. The jump was put down an inch, but it was still beyond Desmond's ability, and he was put out. Andover flew at it at the second attempt, and Gladys at the third. It was necessitated a further trial for the two over 6ft. 3in., but as neither would take the jump, though put to it frequently, the riders divided for first place. They spun a coin to decide which should have the rider's prize of 3 guineas, and chance favoured Jones. The height of the jump, 6ft. 2in., is the record for the contest, 6ft never having been beaten previously. Desmond afterwards cleared 6ft. 3in., after several trials. During the morning his Excellency the Governor paid a visit to the grounds, and was escorted round the exhibits by the secretary, Mr. F. Webster. Lord Beauchamp was particularly interested in the draught horse classes, and subjected many specimens to a close scrutiny. His comments were favourable to the exhibits. The general parade was a very successful function; but the dog parade proved an innovation which heartily commended itself to the public. The impudent patter of the rough terrier after the dignified march of the St. Bernard or the supercilious strut of the greyhound, permitted of amusing comparisons, and further entertainment was provided by the vigorous endeavours of child or lady exhibitors to maintain something like good deportment at the end of a chain the other end of which held a big dog of pugnacious tendencies.

To-day an opportunity will be afforded to those interested in aristocratic driving equipages to witness some pretty turn-outs. There will also be trotting exhibitions in the saddle. One event which promises good entertainment will be the ladies' high jump.

A good deal of interest attaches to the show of leather work made by Messrs. J. C. Ludowici and Son, Limited. Two magnificent hides of Queensland leather, without a spot or flaw and free from brands, are particularly meritorious exhibits. Some specimens of leather belting shown are striking testimonies to the progress made in that class of local industry. One of the belts is 102ft. by 25in., and is of 3-ply leather. There is a section of suction hose, 3ft. in diameter, and the collection of raw hide manufactures is another instructive item in the exhibit.

The following are the results of the contests in the ring:—

The Palace Gentlemen's Hunting Contest.—Special prizes: £35, presented by Messrs. Anthony Hordern and Sons. First prize, £20; second, £10; third, £5. Horses to be judged for hunting qualifications as the council may direct. Horse to carry not less than 11st., and to be up to that weight with hounds. This contest will include water jump. Judges Messrs. Biddulph, Cobcroft, and Higgins. Mr. Peter Maher's Venture, 8 years (Cunningham), 1; Mr. H. D. Morton's Pippo, aged (M'Gee), 2; Mr. H. D. Morton's Marano, aged (M'Gee), 3.

High Jump.—Special prize, £15, presented by Messrs. Anthony Hordern and Sons. First, £10; second, £5; for horse taking the highest jump. Rider of winner will be presented with £3 3s by the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Company. Mr. J. J. Jarvan's Andover, aged (Jones), and Mr. J. H. Wright's Gladys, aged (Hurn), 6ft. 2in., being even, divided, and by arrangement Jones took the rider's prize.

A UNIQUE EXHIBIT.

One of the most unique exhibits is the collection of wools, cottons, and silks, all in process of manufacture, shown in a number of sample cases at the office which Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, have erected on the showground. The collection was got together for them by Mr. Hill, a Bradford wool expert, whose brother is in charge of the wool department of the above firm. We were informed that the whole of the different varieties of wool to be found in the world are represented in the cases, as well as a number of varieties of cotton and silk. Looking at the cases one gets interested in spite of oneself. Merino, coarse, alpaca, Persian, and other wools, and mohairs are so arranged that it is easy to follow the manufacturing processes, and strangers to these, by studying them, will in the future be little nonplussed by the meaning of such words as naps, waste, yarns, garnetted thums, and a whole host of terms used by manufacturers. The office of Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, on the showground is within a few yards of the secretary's department.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS.

Coachbuilding.—Varnished vehicles: Thomas Cope, jun., special; Henning and Son, special; P. Burvill, special; Daining and Son, h.c.; Holding and Parker, h.c. Business cart: Holding and Parker, 1. Single-seated buggy, Rath and Co., 1; Sidney Simpson, special.

Miscellaneous.—J. N. Sergeant, inks, &c., 1; A. G. King, collection of old postage stamps.

Products (raw and manufactured).—G. Moody, hoofs, horns, bones, &c., 1; A. Housward, tortoiseshell work, 1; J. S. Sergeant, Good Samaritan egg preservative 1, corn cure 1, and holdfast cement manufactured from isinglass 1; Tuck and Co., commended for gold medal for meat, butter, and milk, poultry, and domestic safes; Miss Gettler, specimens of wood carving, 1; H. Hudson, cork frame and brackets, 1.

Clothing, Fabrics and other objects of personal wear. Judges: Messrs. G. O. Giles, J. Reedy, John Scott, 1, W. Harvey. Carded wool and worsted yarns: John Vicars and Co., 1. Combed wool and woollen yarns: John Vicars and Co., 1. Woollen tweeds and cloths, imported and colonial: John Vicars and Co., 1 and special for general exhibit for tweeds, champion for general exhibits; Hand-in-Hand Tailoring Association, 2 and 2 for exhibit of imported and colonial. Blankets, imported and colonial: John Vicars and Co. (colonial), 1 and gold medal. Flannels, imported and colonial: John Vicars and Co. (colonial), 1 and champion. Other woollen fabrics, colonial: John Vicars and Co., 1 and special. Embroidery, tatting, crochet, &c.: Matilda Carr, sewing work by girl under 14 years, 1 and silver medal; Mabel Crawford, drawn thread work, table spread, 1; Mrs. Cunningham, hand-made bed quilt, 2; Mrs. C. A. Davis, crochet quilt and pillow shams, 1; A. Dale, crochet quilt, 1; Mrs. J. Duffell, crazy flower-pots, 1; Mrs. J. Duffell, crazy picture frames, 1; Mrs. J. G. Ferguson, knitted quilt, 1; Mrs. T. Grant, crazywork counterpane, 1; Mrs. W. Grant, patchwork quilt, 3; Daisy Grave, drawn thread work, 2; C. A. Hyett, crochet quilt, 2; Annie Kershler, patchwork quilt, 1; Mrs. Rhoda Madden, 1; Mrs. W. M'Intyre, quilt, squares, and pillow shams, 1; Annie Nisbett, case of dressed dolls, 1; Mrs. Nolan, knitted quilt, 2; Mrs. Charlotte Peat, crazy work, 1; Madame Terishon, 1; Price and Murray, millinery, pupils' work, 1; Price and Murray, millinery, 1 and silver medal; Mrs. Sharples, crazy chair, 1. The Singer Manufacturing Company, fine art embroidery and drawn-thread work, 1 and gold medal; Mrs. J. M. Telfer, crochet quilt, 3; Mrs. Tibbs, Worth's improved dress cutter, 1 and special; Mrs. Tibbs, Worth's dressmaking, 1 and special; Mrs. Tibbs, Worth's paper patterns, 1 and special; Miss Catherine S. Tindall, machine knitted work, 1; Mrs. Naoum Zaloum, chemise and knickers, crochet work, &c., 1; E. S. Hellyer, dressed dolls, 2. Lacework, needle: The Singer Manufacturing Company, lacework, 1; The Singer Manufacturing Company, point lacework, 1 and gold medal. Gold and silver lace and silk embroidery: Mrs. E. Favenc, silk embroidery, 1; Mrs. Noam Zaloum, plush and gold table cloth, gold embroidery, 1. Wool-work and tapestry: J. Hurst, fancy woolwork, 1; The Singer Manufacturing Company, pictures in silk tapestry, 1 and gold medal. Boots and shoes: Imported, Larbalestier Brothers, 1; colonial, Larbalestier Brothers, 1, and gold medal for whole exhibit.

Fermented and other Drinks. Judges: Messrs. T. Punch and S. Cockbain.—Ale draught, colonial: Walker and Co., 1. Ale, bottled, colonial: Henry Joseph, 1 and gold medal. Cider, perry, and others, colonial: Cooper and Barclay, hop beer, 1. Cordials, colonial: S. Freeman and Sons, Limited, 1. Mineral waters, colonial (judged by Mr. Punch only): Zeta-Spa Proprietary, Limited, natural mineral waters, 1; Vinegar, malt, colonial: S. Freeman and Sons, Limited, 1.

Miscellaneous.—Disinfectants: Thomas Rhodes, 1. Terrier, Airedale puppy bitch: Dr. A. B. Cox and O'Sullivan, Kerry Lass, the judges amended the award from 2 to 1. The award for paper flowers, Miss Margaret Samways, has been altered by the judges from 0 to 1. Beale and Co. have been awarded gold medal for exhibit of pianos. Mr. J. Bloomfield, sea bark, 1. Bakewell Brothers, pottery, 1 and special. Mrs. S. Harto, door mats from ladies' cast-off clothing, 1. Mrs. G. Moody, polished horns, 1; Mrs. Parker, bullion work, 1; C. A. Buckingham, rustic table, 1; Mrs. J. O'Donnell, gold wire brooches, 1 and special.

THE '98 COMMEMORATION.

PICNIC AND SPEECHES AT BOTANY.

In continuation of the ceremonies to celebrate the unveiling of the monument erected in the Waverley Cemetery as a memorial to the Irish patriots who suffered for the part they took in the memorable insurrection of 1798, a picnic and sports took place yesterday at Sir Joseph Banks pleasure grounds, Botany, and were attended by several thousand people. The general arrangements of the gathering were supervised by a committee of gentlemen which included Dr. C. W. MacCarthy (chairman), Dr. Johnson, and Mr. John Woods, J.P. A cold westerly wind which blew across the open bay made matters uncomfortable for the visitors as far as outdoor sports were concerned, but a spacious pavilion where dancing was carried on under the direction of Messrs. P. Byrnes and D. Giffin (M.C.), was largely patronised. During the early part of the day a number of races were run off on the track in front of the hotel under the auspices of the Amateur Athletic Association. The officials were Mr. R. Coombe, starter; Messrs. H. N. Southwell and Munro, judges; W. B. Alexander, referee; and A. M'Lean, timekeeper. At 1 o'clock the committee and visitors partook of an excellent lunch provided by Mr. Marshall, proprietor of the grounds. Dr. Johnson occupied the chair, having on his right the Minister for Public Works (Mr. O'Sullivan) and on his left Dr. O'Donnell, of Melbourne. Among those present were: Messrs. J. G. Carroll and J. R. Dacey, Ms.L.A., Messrs. P. R. Loran, J. G. O'Connor, W. Hogan, J. F. Hennessy, W. Walsh, E. O'Farrell, E. Ryan, J. Sheehy, J. Woods, Dr. Flynn, Dr. Kearney, J. J. M'Cabe, J. B. Molloy, J. Biskeney, Mr. F. M'Donnell, M.L.A. (Queensland), Mr. John Flood (Queensland), Dr. N. M. O'Donnell and Mr. Joseph Winter (Victoria), the Hon. L. Loughlin and P. M. Glynn (South Australia), Mr. T. Healey (Victoria), and Mr. Eugene Ryan, J.P. There were also a number of ladies present. The only toast proposed was that of the "Ladies Committee," of which Mrs. Brown was the president, Mrs. Moloney treasurer, and Miss Lynch secretary. Dr. O'Donnell, in proposing the toast, pointed out the noble assistance rendered by the ladies of this and other colonies in bringing to so successful a completion the work of erecting the monument at Waverley. Mr. M'Gregor, of South Australia, supported the remarks of the proposer of the toast, and on behalf of the ladies Mr. John Woods, J.P., responded.

An adjournment was then made to the grounds, when the assemblage of people was addressed by the delegates from the other colonies and other gentlemen. Dr. MacCarthy, as chairman of the committee, presided and delivered a short address.

Mr. Joseph Winter (Victoria) said they had assembled there that day to testify to the national spirit that prevailed within the breasts of the Irish people of these Australian colonies; and to testify to the noble deeds done by the brave men who fought for their country's sake in Ireland in 1798. (Loud cheers.) These men fought for liberty and freedom. The national fire which was then kindled had burned bright ever since, and had spread its influence into every land to which Irishmen had taken up their abode. As the London "Times" once said, "The Irish had been scattered and had gone with a vengeance but they had taken their traditions with them." (Cheers.)

Mr. Healey (Victoria) said he did not agree with those people who had said that a display of Irish nationalism in these colonies was an unwise thing. The '98 movement was one in favour of local self-government for Ireland. And why should Ireland be denied that which had been granted by England to the whole of her colonies, and which had made those colonies so prosperous? England to-day was fighting to establish home rule in South Africa for her people; yet the British Government denied to a nation of independence those rights and privileges which to-day it was fighting to gain for its people in another country. Among the leaders in that South African fight were some of Ireland's noblest sons. (Cheers.) The unity of the Empire would not be complete until Ireland enjoyed the same privileges as these colonies enjoyed. Had not the Irish proved their worth in helping to build up other parts of the Empire? Had they not succeeded wherever they went, and why did they not succeed in their own country? Simply because they had no freedom to govern themselves. (Cheers.)

Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan, who was well received, said the Irish cause could be summed up in two words Home Rule—or the same kind of Parliament that we had in Australia. As we admired the Scotch who fought at Bannockburn, or the English who resisted King Charles I. at Marston Moor, so we might also respect those who fought in 1798 when goaded into rebellion by cruelty. He thought the time had arrived when a great confederation of the Anglo-Celtic people should be established. That would make the British Empire stronger than ever, and Ireland, with Home Rule, would then become a buttress to the Empire, instead of a weakness. The Irish had done a good deal to build up the British Empire, and they were fighting loyally to save it in South Africa now. They were, therefore, deserving of consideration, and he believed they would yet get it from the British people by the concession of a self-government such as we ourselves enjoyed. He thought that movement would be expedited if a few Irish Australians were sent to Great Britain to explain exactly the form of government we enjoyed here, and that might be given to Ireland.

Speeches were also delivered by Mr. M'Gregor (South Australia), Mr. M'Cabe (South Australia), and Mr. Frank M'Donald, M.L.A. (Queensland), after which a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Dr. MacCarthy for the untiring effort he had made in bringing this movement to so successful an issue. The sports and dancing were resumed, and the company returned to town about dusk, having spent a pleasant outing. The following were the results of the principal races:—

Half-mile Running Handicap.—W. J. Buchanan, 1; G. H. Lanwell, 2. Time, 2 minutes 12 1-5 seconds.

One Mile Walking Match.—Harding, 1; C. Field, 2. Time, 8 minutes 11 2-5 seconds.

440 Yards Handicap.—Childs, 1; F. Thompson, 2; H. W. Clatchen. Time, 56 4-5 seconds.

Invitation 150 Yards Handicap.—S. Rowley, scratch, 1; J. E. Phelan, 5 yards, 2; A. Ozlade, 4½ yards, 3. Time, 16¼ seconds.

CHURCH NEWS.

ST. PAUL'S, REDFERN.

There were large congregations at St. Paul's, Redfern, on Easter Sunday. There were four services, that at 7.45 a.m. being a communion service, and that at 3 p.m. a service for children at which the Rev. A. D. Soares preached. At the 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. services the Rev. F. B. Boyce preached. The musical part was under the direction of Mr. G. E. Flower, who was assisted by a large choir. The Te Deum was by Boyton-Smith and has probably not been before produced in this colony. The anthem in the evening was "Thou didst not leave," and was a solo by Mr. Charles Bock. Mr. Thomas Flower presided at the organ. The lady members of the choir had very tastefully decorated the church, and over the communion table was placed the text, "Behold, I am alive for evermore!" Holy Communion was administered three times, and the number of communicants was greater than for several years' past.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, ROCKDALE.

Holy Mass was celebrated on Easter Sunday at 8.30 by Rev. F. Sheerin. The church was decorated by the ladies of the Altar Society. The choir sang Mozart's 12th Mass, under the conductorship of Mr. W. J. Coombe. The vocal principals were Mrs. W. Shepherd and Miss Ethel Shepherd, with Messrs. Coghlan and Coombe.

POLICE COURTS.

Assaulting a Constable.—At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. F. S. Isaacs, S.M., George Petersen, 26, labourer, was charged with assaulting Constable Marien whilst in the execution of his duty. The constable deposed that when he arrested accused for drunkenness in Bay-street he resisted violently, and bit witness severely on the hand. On the charge of drunkenness accused was fined £1 or seven days, and for the assault a fine of £3 was inflicted, in default one month in gaol.

Obscene Language.—Before Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., yesterday, at the North Sydney Police Court, John Williams, 35, was charged with using obscene language in Hayberry-street, and was fined £3, or in default one month's imprisonment. He was further fined 20s, with the alternative of 14 days' imprisonment, for being drunk in the same thoroughfare.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Tuesday, April 17.

Master's Office.—At 10 a.m.: Company and lunacy matters. At 12 noon: M'Fadyen v. Lang, to settle minutes of decree. At 2 p.m.: Minister for Works and Paxton's trustees (Rose), to settle minutes of order; Tooth and Co. v. Stevens, to settle minutes of order; re F. Snudden and conveyancing act, to settle minutes of order; same, to settle minutes of order; re will of Samuel Swain, to settle minutes of order; St. George Industrial Co-operative Association to fix security. Before the Deputy Registrar, at 10.45 a.m.: Farmers' Co-operative Company of New South Wales, to settle minutes of order. At 11 a.m.: Wood v. Rich and others, adjourned taxation. At 2 p.m.: Doutrebande v. Cockbaine, to tax cost.

Prothonotary's Office. Before the Chief Clerk: In re gent., one, &c., ex parte Jones, 12; Doutrebande v. Cockbaine, 2.30.

Before the Deputy Registrar in Divorce.—Smart v. Smart 2.30.

In Bankruptcy. Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 11 a.m., single meetings: William F. Colley, William James.

DISTRICT COURT.—Tuesday, April 17.

(Before his Honor Judge Backhouse, at 10 a.m.)

Hughes and another v. Walters, Rutledge v. Galvin, Fleming v. Sheehy, Hickey v. Brown. Note.—This list will be called over punctually at 10 a.m.

(Before the Registrar, in No. 2 Court.)

Porter v. M'Carthy, 10.30 a.m.; Embrey v. White, 10.50 a.m.; Payten and another v. Morley, 11.5 a.m.; Ewens v. West, 11.30 a.m.; Australian Drug Company Limited, v. Leigh and another, 11.45 a.m.; W. and A. M'Arthur, Limited, v. Conroy, 12 noon.

QUARTER SESSIONS.—Tuesday, April 17.

Ti Ti Heree, assault; Frank Fulton, shop-breaking; Edward Wright, Arthur Seymour, and James Carroll, attempting to steal from the person.

A Boer farm and homestead is, it is said, to be one of the features of the Paris Exhibition. In this form will be exhibited the chief wild animals of the Transvaal, and the means of transportation in the country are also to be illustrated.

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AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

SECOND (SYDNEY CUP) DAY.

Committee, Hon. W. A. Long (chairman), Messrs. A. Busby, Harry Chisholm, H. M. S. Cox, Hon. H. C. Dangar, Messrs. V. J. Dowling, W. R. Hall, Hon. R. Jones, Messrs. Adrian Knox, FitzWilliam Wentworth; treasurer, Mr. F. C. Griffiths; judge, Mr. A. Benson; starter, Mr. Thomas Watson; clerk of the scales, Mr Charles Perry; handicapper, Mr. John Daly; hon. timekeeper, Mr. George T. Alcock; clerk of the course, Joseph Keen; secretary, Mr. T. S. Clibborn.

Bleak and wintry weather was experienced yesterday for the second day of the A.J.C. Autumn Meeting, and the heavily banked clouds and the foreboding aspect of the sky indicated rain, but the afternoon remained fine. It is estimated that the attendance numbered close upon 15,000, which is not up to last year's record; but taking into consideration the absence of intercolonial and country visitors owing to the prevalence of scare, the result was highly satisfactory and supports the expectations formed some months ago that under more favourable surroundings the gathering would be one of the most successful held at Randwick. Ministers of the Crown, members of both Houses of Parliament, and distinguished citizens in the various walks of life within the colony were to be met with in the grand stand reserve, and the meeting in this respect was fully as representative as any of its predecessors. The course was in good condition, being covered with a luxuriant growth of grass, while the racing track was in the usual perfect order. The fair sex were well represented, and during the running of each race the grand stand, which was filled, bore quite a kaleidoscopic appearance. In the intervals between the different events, when promenading was generally resorted to on the well-kept lawn, Mr. L. de Groen's military brass band ably interpreted an excellent programme of music. Though one of the competitors in the Sydney Cup and another in the Steeplechase fell, the sport was free from serious accident, and the arrangements, under the supervision of the secretary, Mr. T. S. Clibborn, were carried out in the usual satisfactory manner.

THE DRESSES.

Yesterday proved to be a most wintry day, and warm dresses, wraps, and furs were worn by the majority of ladies present. The attendance was much larger than on Saturday, but not so good as it generally is on Easter Monday. The cold piercing wind prevented the afternoon from being as enjoyable as it otherwise might have been, and the ladies preferred the shelter in the saddling paddock to the lawn in front of the stand. Most of them kept their seats all the afternoon. Mr. De Groen's band played at intervals, and thereby added to the enjoyment of the visitors. Amongst those present were the Hon. H. C. Dangar, Sir Matthew and Lady Harris, Miss Harris, Mr. Vincent Dowling, Sir Edward Knox, Miss Knox, Captain and Mrs. Dicken, Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson and the Misses Anderson, Colonel and Mrs. Jopp, Dr. and Mrs. W. Chisholm, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Knox, Miss M. Knox, Mr. T. A. Dibbs and the Misses Dibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Bayley Macarthur, Mrs. Hemsley, Miss Clibborn, Miss Faithfull, Mr. and Mrs. H. Fairfax, Mr. and Mrs. W. Merewether, Miss E Lingen, Mr. and Mrs. H. Allen, Captain Rich, R.N., Mrs. Stuart, Miss Oliver, Mrs. Hixson, Miss Lyons, Miss Myline, Mr. Lassetter, Mrs. H. B. Lassetter, Hon. W. R. Campbell and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nathan, Mr. and Mrs. George Osborne, Mr. P. Close, Miss Bowyer, Mr. and Mrs. M'Neil, Mr. and Mrs. Tickle, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tooth, Mrs. Brunton, Mrs. Bowker, Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth, Miss Wentworth, Hon. R. Carington, Hon. W. Long, Dr. Patterson, R.N., Major Cotter, R.M., Mr. and Mrs. Graham, Dr. and Mrs. Sydney Jamieson, Mrs. Pilcher, Dr. and Mrs. Marks, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mrs. T. Knox, Mr. W. Watt, Mr. Neville Dangar, Mr. L. Lamb, Mr. W. Keogh, Mr. and Miss Von Arnheim, and Mr. H. Gilchrist. Although many new dresses were worn there did not appear to be any striking feature in this year's fashion, except that the skirts are very long, very much stitched, and tucked from the waist perpendicularly, and that the prevailing colour seemed to be violet in every shade, cigar brown being the next favourite. Mrs. Pilcher's Parma violet voile was embroidered in the same colour, and worn with a handsome dark green and black velvet cape trimmed with jet, and a violet bonnet. The Mayoress (Lady Harris) wore black brocaded satin with a handsome coat of black velvet with a deep border of sable and a sable boa. Mrs. Dicken was in brown, the skirt tucked in the new way, and the bodice relieved with cream lace and a touch of turquoise blue in the toque. Mrs. W. Chisholm's new shade of pale vieux rose panne cloth was much stitched and fastened with quaint little cameo buttons, the bodice having a cream vest and blue velvet revers, and worn with a black toque. Mrs. Hemsley wore a dark purple cloth with a toque to match, having a grebe crown. Mrs. Jamieson's fawn cloth was worn with a hat to match trimmed with pale blue. Mrs. Arthur Tooth was in white serge, with a fur cape and boa, and a black and white hat. Mrs. Alfred Nathan wore dark-blue panne cloth, with a white yoke and vest, and a black velvet picture hat. Mrs. Bayly Macarthur was in black cloth, the bodice having a white yoke strapped with black velvet and a toque to match. Mrs. Lassetter wore a pale shade of pastel-blue panne cloth, the skirt stitched, and the bodice made with many tucks, and a revers of lace over pale blue satin, a cream hat trimmed with pink roses and pale blue silk. Mrs. David Anderson's black figured grenadine was made over white silk and worn with a black toque, trimmed with silver spangles and turquoise blue velvet. Miss Anderson wore a duck-egg green cashmere, the bodice beautifully embroidered and finished with a lace collar. Her sister wore a darker shade of green, which was trimmed with velvet. Mrs. Alfred Tooth was in electric blue, with yoke of silk in a pale shade, and finished with guipure and rows of velvet, and a touch of cerise velvet on the collar, black hat. Mrs. H. Levy wore black with crossway tucks and bands of art green panne velvet, and a vest of pale pink, a shoulder cape of green panne velvet edged with fur, and a biscuit-coloured hat trimmed with pink and yellow roses, and carried a dainty muff of lace and roses. Mrs. E. Samuel was in electric blue trimmed with black, and wore a grebe toque with a soft crown of turquoise blue velvet, and a bunch of violets and feathers in front. Mrs. Tickle wore a light brown coat and skirt with a black hat. Mrs. Brunton was in black and white, with a velvet bolero over a cream waistcoat, and a cherry-coloured toque. Miss L. Trickett was in dark red cashmere with a cream lace sailor collar and a black hat. Miss Nott wore a fawn voile with a sealskin cape and a black toque. Miss Birdie Turner was in brown cashmere with a black and pink toque and a fur boa. Mrs. Jopp wore black with a border of white applique cloth and a jacket trimmed to match. Miss Clibborn wore a dark heliotrope cloth coat and skirt, stitched with white, and a black toque. Miss Weston wore a dark violet dress with a fawn cape, and a white and black hat. Miss Hay's cerise cashmere had a cream yoke with guipure revers, and a black hat. Mrs. Graham wore dark-blue voile with a cream guipure yoke, and a black toque. Fur boas and wraps were in great requisition, for the wind was most keen.

THE RACING.

The Flying Handicap did duty as a curtain raiser, and of the 51 on the list for that event 25 were in commission, the most prominent of the malcontents being Paul Pry, Sequence, Caledonia, The Watch Dog, Dosoo, and So Long. When betting had assumed a concrete form, Auld Lang Syne was at the head of the quotations, Dandy and Sweetheart were next fancied, while Saraswati, Alice Mostyn, Luxury, and Duke of Kent also met with fair support. Cast Iron and Victory carried the field along to the distance, where Auld Lang Syne and Duke of Kent headed them, while on the extreme left Yellow and Black was coming along resolutely. Auld Lang Syne headed Duke of Kent at the half-distance, and was then proclaimed the winner, but Yellow and Black was fast overhauling her, and beat her by a head in the last few strides. Auld Lang Syne, however, did not get a place, second position being given to Citizen—evidently by mistake—and Duke of Kent was placed third. Yellow and Black, who is by Russley from Fine Lady, was not mentioned in the betting, and his win was a welcome turn up for the ring. Half a dozen were weighed out for the Maiden Stakes, and Chatelaine, who was installed favourite, went away with the lead at the rise of the barrier, was not afterwards approached, and won easily from the Jeweller gelding Turee. Chatelaine, who is the property of Mr. James Macken, is a three-year-old daughter of the English horse January (sire of the Derby winner Jeddah and other good performers) from imported Farthingale, by Muntug from Gale, by Galopin from Whirlwind, by Thormanby or Kingcraft from Hurricane, by Wild Dayrell. The eight acceptors for the Champagne Stakes faced the music, and despite the 10lb penalty incurred by Maister for his success in the V.R.C. Ascot Vale Stakes, Bill of Portland's son was entrusted with most money, backers having to lay a shade of odds on; Haulette had a good following at a more remunerative price; and Hautesse was the only other backed with any spirit. Suzanne and Portland Light on terms cut out the work for the first couple of furlongs; then Suzanne dropped back, and her place was taken by the favourite, who, with Portland Light at his side, rattled round the bend and into the straight with Haulette a couple of lengths behind. When the distance was reached Maister got his head in front of Portland Light, and appeared to have the race at his mercy; but Haulette was in hot pursuit, and, catching the leaders in grand style as they neared the half distance, tried to dash through on the rails. Cleal, however, was out in his reckoning, for Portland Light blocked the way, and the filly lost several lengths in pulling to the outside; but she quickly got under way again, and overhauling the leaders hand over hand passed them about 20 lengths from the post, and beat them easily. It was a brilliant performance, and her victory was greeted with hearty applause. Haulette was bred at Wilton Park by Mr. S. Hordern, and at last year's autumn sales was knocked down to J. Earnshaw, who was acting on behalf of Mr. W. Brown, of Newcastle, for 180 guineas. She is by the imported St. Simon horse, Haut Brion, from Novelette II. (sister to Strathmore), by Nordenfeldt from Ouida, by Yattendon from Gulnare, by Little John. At the recent V.R.C. Autumn Meeting Haulette met Maister in the Hopeful Stakes, for which she started second favourite, but the colt beat her after a good battle. On the second day of the meeting she earned her first winning bracket under top weight in the Junior Handicap, and she amply avenged her previous defeat by Maister by the handsome manner in which she accounted for him in the Champagne Stakes. Haulette was trained by I. Earnshaw, and the condition in which she was delivered at the post was highly creditable to that astute trainer. Parthian and Idle Boy were the only withdrawals from the Sydney Cup, for which a well-conditioned field of 21 were stripped. Speculation was very brisk, and at first Hi Hi had the call in the market, but a strong commission on behalf of Vocalist sent him to the head of the quotations, and the Vengeance mare receded to 10 to 1. Then War God came into the market, and so well was he supported that for a little while he headed Vocalist on the price list; but a little later on the friends of La Carabine rallied round her in such force that from 14 to 1 she rapidly hardened until 6 to 1 was the best offer, and she started absolute favourite. Despite his defeat in the St. Leger Merriwee had some admirers, who accepted 10 to 1, while Ace of Diamonds, Goldsmith, and Sequence had a good share of support at more expensive prices. Promptly to time they lined up at the barrier, and were soon despatched on their important mission. For a few strides they kept in line, then Fairy Prince, Symmetry, Inquirer, and Nambucca drew out, but ere the first furlong had been covered Symmetry assumed the role of pacemaker, and with Inquirer, Nambucca, Little Tartar, and Ace of Diamonds following on close terms, swept into the straight and passed the stand, where Hi Hi and War God were at the tail of the procession, and Vocalist and La Carabine were buried in the ruck. Without material alteration they rattled past Oxenham's and along the back stretch to the six-furlong post, where Inquirer ran up level with the St. Albans mare, the pair being half a length from Meribah, who was followed by Ace of Diamonds, Fairy Prince, Sequence, and Goldsmith. Inquirer faded out of it at the half-mile post, where La Carabine began to improve her position, and simultaneously Severity, who had hitherto been running in the ruck, began to work his way through. As they swung round the bend Sequence ran up next to the leaders, and Merriwee also joined the front division; but the effort played the Melbourne Cup winner out, and a little further on he disappeared in the crowd. Meribah and Symmetry swept into the straight, with Sequence, Severity, Ace of Diamonds, Cremona, and Fairy Prince in their wake; but the leaders were getting weary, and as they beat a retreat near the distance Ace of Diamonds on the rails, Fairy Prince in the centre, and Severity on the outside were fighting it out in front, with La Carabine coming very fast just behind them. Severity got his head in front after passing the distance, where La Carabine, who was coming along at a great bat, got temporarily blocked, but pulling to the outside she soon got into her length again, and running past Severity and Ace of Diamonds at the half-distance as though they had been anchored romped home the easiest of winners. Vocalist was never in the hunt, and War God ran nearly last all the way, in company with Hi Hi, who fell as they passed the half-distance, and treated his rider, F. Kuhn, to a heavy fall. Fairy Prince ran a good horse, but was beaten ere the half-distance was reached, and Goldsmith also ran well, as also did Cremona. La Carabine, who is by the Musket horse Carbine, was bred by Mr M. O'Shanassy, a popular Victorian sportsman, who imported her dam, Orotava, from England in 1886. Orotava is by Barcaldine from Tullis, by Petrarch from Chevisaunce, by Stockwell from Paradigm. When a two-year-old La Carabine raced in the colours of Mr. H. Power, the owner of Merriwee, who brought her to Sydney to take part in the A.J.C. Autumn Meeting. She carried a lot of Victorian money in the Doncaster Handicap won by Superb, but not getting a clear run did not fill a place in the race. On the second day of the meeting she broke her maiden record by winning the Nursery Handicap in brilliant style. During her three and four year old career La Carabine did not have a winning bracket to her credit. A change was then made in her ownership, Mr. W. R. Wilson securing her, and at the last V.R.C. October Meeting she won the Stand Handicap for him, and followed up this small success by securing the last Australian Cup for the popular owner of St. Albans, who unfortunately, owing to illness, was unable to come across to witness her victory on this occasion, as well as the hearty reception that greeted his colours when Carbine's speedy daughter returned to scale. The St. Albans livery was also carried to the front in the First Nursery Handicap by Kinglike, who put down a warm favourite in the Medallion colt Barbarossa, but the chances of the latter were badly interfered with by Carline at a critical stage of the game, and he was unable to get a place. Only five faced the big fences in the First Steeplechase, and the New Zealander, Crusado, carried most money, with old Whitefoot II. next in demand. Taipo made all the running until fairly on the way for home, when Whitefoot II., who had been patiently ridden by P. Regan, put in a strong claim, and outpacing Taipo at the half-distance scored easily. Mist fell over the second set of the treble, and the favourite declined the brushed obstacle at the back of the course. The details of the sport are subjoined:—

Flying Handicap, sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each, 1 ft., with 200 sovs. added; second 50 sovs. from the prize. 6 furlongs.

Mr. G. Gilbert's blk g Yellow and Black, by Russley (imp.)—Fine Lady, 4 years, 7st (W. H. Smith)	1
Mr. E. Beaumont's b g Citizen, by Chatham—Englo Maid, 4 years, 7st 13lb (S. Callinan)	2
Mr. C. R. Wipple's b g Duke of Kent, by Metal (imp.)—Maid of Kent, 5 or 6 years, 7st 1lb (H. Scott)	3

Other starters: Cabin Boy, 9st 3lb (L. Waut); Whakawatea, 9st 2lb (T. Woodgate); Dandy, 8st 7lb (H. Cook); Auld Lang Syne, 8st 4lb (W. Delaney); Saraswati, 8st 3lb (J. Gough); Luxury, 8st 2lb (T. Johnson); Sweetheart, 7st 11lb (C. Parker); Felicity, 7st 10lb (J. Hartigan); Victory, 7st 6lb (E. Cleal); Hall Caine, 7st 4lb (P. Harris); Glitter, 7st 2lb (J. Freeland); Influenza, 7st 2lb (W. Bennet); Cast Iron, 7st (H. Laycock); Alice Mostyn, 6st 10lb (G. Osborne); Belle Isle, 6st 10lb (F. Hickey); Prima Donna, 6st 10lb (F. Kuhn); Noble Lady, 6st 13lb, including 3lb over (E. Turner); Yule Cake, 6st 7lb (C. T. D. Godby); Violet and Gold, 6st 7lb (S. Bennet); Leap Frog, 6st 7lb (M. Daley); Trinidad, 6st 7lb (A. Richardson); Parallel, 6st 9lb, including 2lb over (F. J. Dunn).

Betting: 5 to 1 v. Auld Lang Syne, 7 to 1 v. Dandy, 8 to 1 v. Sweetheart, 10 to 1 v. Saraswati, 12 to 1 each v. Alice Mostyn, Luxury, and Duke of Kent, 15 to 1 v. Noble Lady, 20 to 1 each v. Violet and Gold, Trinidad, and Parallel.

Victory moved off in front, but was quickly headed by Cast Iron, who led past the five-furlong post, closely attended by Victory, Duke of Kent, Saraswati, and Cabin Boy, and as they ran to the half-mile post, where Auld Lang Syne and Trinidad joined the leading division. Cast Iron and Victory came round the bend two lengths in advance of Duke of Kent, Saraswati, Dandy, Auld Lang Syne, Trinidad, and Felicity, and so they entered the home stretch, where the colours of Yellow and Black were showing prominently on the outside. The leading pair melted out of it after passing the distance, where Auld Lang Syne and Duke of Kent were fighting it out in front of Cast Iron, and Dandy; while on the outside Yellow and Black was fast overhauling the leaders, and finishing wide got up in time to win by a head from Auld Lang Syne. Citizen, however, was placed second by the judge. Duke of Kent was half a length behind Auld Lang Syne, and he was succeeded by Dandy, Cast Iron, Felicity, Citizen, and Violet and Gold; while Belle Isle and Leapfrog were at the tail of the hunt. Time, 1 minute 16 seconds.

Maiden Stakes, sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each, 1 ft., with 200 sovs. added; for maiden horses. Weight—2 years, 7st; 3 years, 8st 2lb; 4 years and upwards, 8st 7lb; second horse 50 sovs. from the prize. 1¼ mile.

Mr. J. J. Macken's b g Chatelaine, by January—Farthingale (imp.), 3 years, 8st (S. Callinan)	1
Mr. J. Gough's b g Turee, by Jeweller—Flame, 4 years, 8st 4lb (T. Johnson)	2
Mr. W. Penn's b g The Snoozer, by Gozo (imp.)—Forty Winks, 3 years, 7st 13lb (E. Huxley)	3

Other starters: Provider, 8st 4lb (C. Parker); Gleneore, 8st 2lb (A. Scott); Lord Rudolph, 7st (A. Richardson).

Betting: 5 to 4 v. Chatelaine, 4 to 1 each v. The Snoozer and Glenore, 6 to 1 v. Lord Rudolph, 8 to 1 v. Provider, 10 to 1 v. Turee.

When the barrier was raised Chatelaine drew out, while Lord Rudolph was the last to get going. Passing Oxenham's Chatelaine was leading by a length from The Snoozer, Provider, and Lord Rudolph; but as they neared the mile-post Provider ran into second place with The Snoozer at his girths, and at length intervals came Glenore, Lord Rudolph, and Turee. Save that the leader increased her advantage to three lengths, there was no change as they raced along the back stretch, round the bend, and into the straight, where Provider beat a retreat, and his place was taken by The Snoozer, who was followed by Turee. Chatelaine was not afterwards troubled, and won easily by two lengths from Turee, who beat The Snoozer by a head for second place. Lord Rudolph was six lengths away, and a similar distance in front of Provider, with Glenore half a length off last. Time, 2 minutes 18 seconds.

Champagne Stakes, sweepstakes of 20 sovs. each, 5ft. or 1 sov. only if declared before 4 p.m. on day of general entry, with 500 sovs. added; for two-year-olds; colts, 8st 10lb; fillies, 8st 8lb; geldings allowed 3lb; second 100 sovs., and third 50 sovs. from the prize. 6 furlongs.

Mr. W. Brown's br f Haulette, by Haut Brion (imp.)—Novelette II., 8st 8lb (E. Cleal)	1
Mr. R. Orr's br c Maister, by Bill of Portland (imp.)—Barley, 9st 6lb, including 10lb penalty (W. Powell)	2
Mr. J. W. Noud's blk f Portland Light, by Bill of Portland (imp.)—Tortile, 8st 8lb (J. Bardon)	3

Other starters: Bar One, 8st 10lb (W. H. Smith); St. Mars, 8st 10lb (W. Delaney); Butternut, 8st 10lb (E. Huxley); Suzanne, 8st 8lb (T. Johnson); Hautesse, 8st 8lb (C. Parker).

Betting: 10 to 9 on Maister, 3 to 1 v. Haulette, 8 to 1 v. Hautesse, 12 to 1 each v. Portland Light and Butternut.

Suzanne and Portland Light were smartest on their legs, while St. Mars got last away. When fairly settled into their strides, Portland Light, Suzanne, and Hautesse were disputing the lead just in front of Maister and Haulette, and so they swept past the five-furlong post; but when they had reached the end of the next furlong Maister and Portland Light were leading on terms a couple of lengths from Haulette, Hautesse, and Bar One, while St. Mars was still toiling along in the rear. They came round the bend and entered the home stretch in that order, but at the distance the favourite headed Portland Light and Haulette was coming on very fast. Inside the distance Haulette tried to find an opening on the rails, but was blocked, and had to pull out; but Cleal quickly got her going again, and, overhauling the leaders at every stride, she romped over them inside the half distance, and won amid great excitement by nearly three lengths from the favourite, who had Portland Light at his girths. Butternut was four lengths off, and a neck in advance of Bar One, who was three lengths clear from Hautesse, then after a gap of six lengths came Suzanne with St. Mars a similar distance away. Time: 1 minute 16¼ seconds.

Sydney Cup, sweepstakes of 20 sovs. each, h. ft. or 2 sovs. if declared by March 26, with 2000 sovs. added; second 300 sovs., and third 150 sovs. from the prize. 2 miles.

Mr. W. R. Wilson's ch m La Carabine, by Carbine—Orotava (imp.), 5 years, 8st 2lb (W. Burn)	1
Mr. J. Allsop's b g Severity, by Trenchant—Lomia, 4 years, 7st 11lb (S. Callinan)	2
Mr. R. Wootton's b g Ace of Diamonds, by Splendor (imp.)—Queen Agnes, 5 years, 6st 12lb (C. T. M. Godby)	3

Other starters: Merriwee, 8st 7lb (V. Turner); Vocalist, 8st 5lb (T. Johnson); Cremona, 8st 1lb (E. Yeomans); War God, 8st 1lb (J. Gough); Fairy Prince, 8st (H. Cook); Amor, 8st (A. Henkel); Little Tartar, 7st 11lb (A. Luckman); The Prize, 7st 11lb (A. Scott); Sequence, 7st 11lb (W. Delaney); Royal Purple, 7st 9lb (C. Parker); Charge, 7st 8lb (J. Sixsmith); Symmetry, 7st 6lb (F. J. Dunn); Inquirer, 7st 2lb (S. Tucker); Longford, 6st 13lb (S. Bennett); Goldsmith, 6st 10lb, including 2lb over (L. Kuhn); Hi Hi, 6st 10lb, including 2lb over (F. Kuhn); Nambucca, 6st 7lb (W. Bennet); Meribah, 6st 7lb (P. Houseman).

Betting: 6 to 1 v. La Carabine, 7 to 1 each v. Vocalist and War God, 10 to 1 each v. Hi Hi and Merriwee, 12 to 1 v. Ace of Diamonds, 14 to 1 each v. Goldsmith and Sequence, 20 to 1 each v. Fairy Prince and The Prize, 25 to 1 each v. Longford, Royal Purple, Amor, Inquirer, Charge, and Cremona, 33 to 1 each v. Severity, Symmetry, and Meribah.

From a splendid start Fairy Prince was the first to show out, followed by Symmetry, but when fairly on the road Nambucca, Fairy Prince, Inquirer, and Symmetry were leading on terms, with Goldsmith and Ace of Diamonds at their heels and a neck in advance of La Carabine and Cremona, and so they came round the bend, but as they turned into the straight Symmetry took command and Little Tartar ran up second, followed by Inquirer, Ace of Diamonds, Cremona, Fairy Prince, and Meribah in a cluster, and after a gap of three lengths came La Carabine and The Prize. Symmetry showed the way past the stand, closely attended by Inquirer, Nambucca, Little Tartar, Ace of Diamonds, and Meribah, then a length off came Cremona, two lengths from Fairy Prince, La Carabine, and The Prize, who were at the head of a great cluster, with War God and Hi Hi bringing up the rear. Symmetry, still going well, turned out of the straight, followed at intervals of two lengths by Inquirer, Ace of Diamonds, and Little Tartar, then a length away succeeded Nambucca, Cremona, and Meribah, with War God still at the tail of the hunt. In that order they rattled past the mile post and along the back stretch to the six-furlongs post, where Inquirer ranged up alongside of Symmetry, Meribah was half a length away, and a length in advance of Ace of Diamonds, Fairy Prince, Sequence, and Goldsmith, while Royal Purple and War God were last, and so they ran to the half-mile post, where Symmetry had her head in front of Meribah, Inquirer, and Cremona, after whom came Fairy Prince, Ace of Diamonds, and Goldsmith, separated by half-lengths, then succeeded Sequence, Hi Hi and Amor, with Royal Purple and War God still in the rear. Meribah and Symmetry were disputing the lead as they swung round the bend just in front of Fairy Prince, Ace of Diamonds, Merriwee, Sequence, Cremona, and Severity, and so they turned into the straight, but as they neared the distance Severity came through in the centre and headed Symmetry, who retired, and as she did so the colours of La Carabine flashed out on the left, while on the rails Ace of Diamonds was batting along with Fairy Prince in the centre almost on terms. Severity held his place to the half-distance, where La Carabine cut him down, and, coming on, won easily by five lengths. Ace of Diamonds was a neck off third, and a head in front of Amor, who was closely pursued by Fairy Prince, Meribah, Goldsmith, Cremona, Vocalist, The Prize, Royal Purple, Charge, Inquirer, and Longford, while Little Tartar and Nambucca were last to get home. Time, 3 minutes 31¼ seconds.

First Steeplechase, sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each, 1 ft., with 200 sovs. added; second horse 50 sovs. from the prize. About 2½ miles.

Mr. J. T. Lucky's b g Whitefoot II., by Marksman—Blonde, aged, 10 12lb (P. Regan)	1
Mr. T. Lamond's b g Taipo, by Faust—dam by Roodee, aged, 9st (J. Chevilly)	2
Mr. B. L. Mackellar's br g Ionian, by First Water—Irene, aged, 9st 9lb, including 2lb over (S. Cunningham)	3

Other starters: Mist, 11st 7lb (G. Phillips); Crusado, 10st 8lb (R. Wright).

Betting: 7 to 4 v. Crusado, 3 to 1 v. Whitefoot II., 4 to 1 v. Mist, 5 to 1 v. Taipo, 12 to 1 v. Ionian.

Taipo showed the way over the first obstacle four lengths clear from Crusado, and crossed the treble for the first time six lengths from Whitefoot II., Mist, and Crusado, with Ionian last, and save that Crusado changed places with Ionian there was no change as they raced passed Oxenham's, along the back and to the logs, where Taipo was still leading by two lengths from Mist, Ionian, Whitefoot II., and Crusado. The second set of the treble brought down Mist, and Taipo sailed over the obstacle near Oxenham's three lengths from Whitefoot II. and Ionian, while Crusado was making up a lot of lost ground. Taipo was six lengths clear from Whitefoot II. as they crossed the brush fence at the back, at which Crusado turned his head, and Taipo, coming on, was first into the straight, but Whitefoot II. was fast overhauling him and, passing the son of Faust at the half-distance, beat him home by three lengths, while Ionian was 30 lengths away, third. Time, 5 minutes 53 seconds.

First Nursery Handicap, sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each, 1 ft., with 250 added; second horse 50 sovs. from the prize; for two-year-olds. 6 furlongs.

Mr. W. R. Wilson's blk g Kinglike, by Wallace—Bonnie Rosette, 8st 10lb (F. Dunn)	1
Mr. H. Dargin's b f Carline, by The Cardinal—Hera, 8st 4lb (S. Callinan)	2
Mr. R. Wootton's br m Isa, by Gozo (imp.)—Kathleen, 8st 12lb (T. Johnson)	3

Other starters: Barbarossa, 8st 8lb (E. Cleal); Gonaro, 8st 2lb (L. Waut); Miltiades, 8st (W. Powell); Dudu, 8st (E. Huxley); Beagonia, 7st 9lb (L. Kuhn); Webbe, 7st 5lb (W. Burke); Tricum, 7st 4lb (A. Wagner); Tillimby, 7st 3lb (E. Turner); San Fran, 7st 3lb (J. Brooks); The Ringer, 7st 2lb (T. Clayton); Heather Belle, 7st 2lb (C. T. D. Godby); Beacon, 7st (M. Cherry); Field Gun, 7st (H. Laycock); Lady Lybia, 6st 7lb (J. Gorman).

Betting: 7 to 4 v. Barbarossa, 5 to 1 each v. Kinglike and Isa, 7 to 1 v. San Fran, 8 to 1 v. Miltiades, 10 to 1 each v. Beacon, Beagonia, Webbe, and Du Du.

Dudu moved off in advance followed by Field Gun, Tricum, Isa, and Barbarossa, after whom came Kinglike at the head of the others, and there was no change of importance until they neared the half-mile post, where Kinglike was showing just in front of Dudu, Tricum, and Beacon, with the favourite next, and The Ringer last. Barbarossa ran up next to Kinglike as they came round the bend, Tricum was next, followed by Field Gun, Carline and Isa, and so they entered the straight. Carline headed Kinglike after passing the distance, but the St. Albans gelding came again inside the half-distance, and, cutting down the filly about 20 lengths from the post, beat her by a length, while Isa was a neck off third; then, after a gap of four lengths, came Barbarossa just in front of San Fran, Webbe, Field Gun, and Beacon, with Heather Belle and Lady Lybia bringing up the rear. Time, 1 minute 16¼ seconds.

THE ANNUAL YEARLING SALES.

Mr. T. S. Clibborn commences the yearling sales at Payten's Newmarket stables at 1 o'clock sharp to-day, when he will offer 85 youngsters, bred by Messrs. James Gosper, J. R. Hardie, E. A. Coleman, R. H. Dangar, R. Rouse, jun., F. Reynolds, John M'Laughlin, R. M'Intyre, A. W. Nivison, T. A. Harris, John Lee, Harris and Readford, the Hons. George Lee and W. A. Long, and the Russley stud. An index of the yearlings, their breeding and relationships, will be found in Mr. Clibborn's catalogue, which is headed by Mr. James Gosper's Windsor Farm lot of eight, among whom are a good-looking half-brother to Ascot and Bonny and a fine filly by Cambria out of Bongara's dam, Bonnette, a descendant of Melesina. In the draft forwarded by Mr. George Lee, of Leeholme, is a close relation to Merriwee and Wiglemar in a yearling filly by Haut Brion out of Lady Helena; and in the eight hailing from Russley are a fine colt by Beauchamp out of Lydian, a half-sister to Nenagh; a well-grown filly by Ayrs Laddie from Projectile's sister, Pastille; two splendid Russley colts out of First Love and Queen of Denmark, respectively; as well as a brother to Tripos and a half-brother to Djin Djin. The colt sent by Mr. J. R. Hardie is a splendidly shaped fellow, by Medallion from Swift, by Grand Flaneur from Banksia, a half-sister to Bobadil's dam. Mr. E. A. Coleman contributes a brother to that really well-named little horse, Gameboy, and Mr. R. H. Dangar, of Neotsfield, sends in nine highly bred, well-shaped yearlings, among whom are close relations to Mirella, Algerian, Gibraltar, Patriot, Cabin Boy, and Keystone. From his famous Braganbil pastures Mr. Richard Rouse sends two big-boned, well-grown youngsters by Atlas, and a splendid colt by Lochiel out of Eily O'Connor. A half brother to Amberite, a gelding by FitzDonovan from Stromboli's sister, and one by Lochiel, are down in Mr. John Lee's name; and in those belonging to Messrs. Harris and Readford is a gelding by Grafton from Tibby, whose stock all gallop. Mr. A. W. Nivison generally sends down a few very well-bred yearlings, and this year is no exception to the rule, as his three colts—by Medallion and Goldsbrough—are out of mares highly connected and the dams of winners. Mr. Robert M'Intyre's robust St. Albans stallion Tormentor is responsible for the two well-bred geldings from Glenfield; while Mr. John M'Laughlin, M.L.A., is down with a well-bred Correze filly and a filly by Haut Brion from Paul Pry's sister, The Meddler, by Trenton from Busybody, by Grand Flaneur. The 22 yearlings from the famous Tocal Stud will bear the scrutiny of the horse judge, and their breeding will stand criticism of pedigree students. Among them are a pick yearling, by Abercorn out of Kilmorey (imp.), three splendid colts by Medallion out of Fa Fa, Sorella, and Happy Moments; and two brown Splendors out of Burlee and Agatha. The Tocal fillies, headed by a sister to Barbarossa, are most even, and an aristocratic lot that are well worth inspection. The Chipping Norton yearlings number 16, and are out of mares picked for their breeding, soundness, and speed by Mr. Long, and the deeds of themselves and their progeny are as familiar as household words to every sportsman in the country.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

The successful lightweight jockey F. Kuhn is not likely to ever forget this A.J.C. Autumn Meeting, as he has received no less than three falls in two days. His first mishap was in the Two-year-old Maiden Stakes, when Lord Rudolph fell, then Alcestis came down with him in the Doncaster Handicap, and yesterday Hi Hi gave him a bad fall at the finish of the Sydney Cup.

On Wednesday, 25th, and Saturday, 28th instant, pony and galloway races will be held at Kensington. Entries for the different events close with the secretary, Mr. P. O'Mara, before 5 p.m. on Friday next. The programme will be found in the advertising columns.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Brighton to-day, the first event starting at 2.45 p.m. Supplementary to the usual service to Rockdale, a special train will leave Redfern station at 1.55 p.m. The weights will be found in another column.

The death is reported from Silver Pines, Albury, of Mr. H. Devlin's thoroughbred horse Knight Templar, by Gemma di Vergy from Maltese Cross, the dam of Gozo and Branxholme.

The V.R.C. committee has under consideration the advisability of revising the present weight-for-age scale.

The Shoalhaven Turf Club will hold a racing meeting to-morrow on its racecourse at Numba, in the Nowra district.

Settling over the first and second days of the A.J.C. Autumn Meeting will take place to-day at Tattersall's Club.

DENILIQUIN JOCKEY CLUB.

DENILIQUIN, Monday.

The Jockey Club has adopted a programme for a two days' meeting in July. It was decided to allow the Birthday Racing Club to hold an amateur meeting on Queen's Birthday in aid of the Patriotic Fund, and to donate £10, the fee for the lease of the course, to the fund. The coursing club was granted permission to form a plumpton within the racecourse enclosure.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

FIRST DAY.

AUCKLAND, Monday.

The autumn meeting of the above club was opened to-day, when the principal event on the programme resulted as follows:—

EASTER HANDICAP—1 mile.

Mr. P. Edwards's blk c Advance, by Vanguard—Laurel, 9st 6lb	1
Mr. L. D. Nathan's ch f Rosella, by Seaton Delaval—Rose, 8st 1lb	2
Hohoro, 7st 10lb	3

Time, 1 minute 42 seconds.

QUEENSLAND TURF CLUB.

SECOND DAY.

BRISBANE, Monday.

A strong wind made matters rather unpleasant at the second day's racing of the Q.T.C. Easter Meeting. The attendance was large, and an amount of £4125 passed through the totalisator. Following are the results:—

Flying Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Defiance, by Boathook—Koorelah, 8st 8lb (H. Gough), 1; Satrap, 8st 11lb (W. Stewart), 2; Constant, 8st 2lb (Morgan), 3. Six others started. Betting: Even money on Dan O'Connell, 4 to 1 v. Reprobate, 7 to 1 v. Satrap, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by three lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 17 seconds. Dividend, £8 17s.

Pace Welter Handicap, 7 furlongs.—Fitzeros, by Eros—Aresta, 9st 2lb (Rogers), 1; Wat Rock, 7st 4lb (Stone), 2; Bachelor, 7st 11lb (Rooney), 3. Nine others started. Betting: 3 to 1 v. Bachelor, 4 to 1 v. Fitzeros, 5 to 1 each v. Perilla and Preman, 7 to 1 each v. Waterbeca, Ma Ma, and Moya, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by a head, a neck between second and third. Time, 1 minute 33 seconds. Dividend, £2 2s.

April Handicap, 1 mile and a distance.—Malua, by Malua—Mulipra, 10st 2lb, including 10lb penalty (Stewart), 1; Agate, 8st 5lb (Wolgate), 2; Arc en Ciel, 8st 9lb, including 2lb over, 3. Four others started. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Fortune Teller, 3 to 1 v. Agate, 4 to 1 v. Malua, 7 to 1 v. Brazen Face, 10 to 1 each v. Archon and Athlone, 12 to 1 v. Arc en Ciel. Malua nearly fell at the start, but gradually overtook the others, won comfortably by two lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 2 minutes 0¼ second. Dividend, £3 7s; Leger, £2 17s.

Second Novice Handicap, 1 mile.—Ohio, by Gozo—Pecella, 10st 13lb (Tucker), 1; Mist, 8st 5lb (Holmes), 2; The Drone, 8st (Carroll), 3. Four others started. Betting: 4 to 4 on Ohio, 7 to 1 v. Arc light, 8 to 1 each v. Lurline and Mist, 10 to 1 v. The Drone, 20 to 1 v. Biller's Son. Won by three lengths, two lengths between second and third. Time, 2 minutes 16½ seconds. Dividend, 18s.

Two-year-old Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Musket, by Musketoon—Tiara, 9st 8lb (Booth) 1; Araxes, 8st 13lb (Stewart), 2; Saintly, 7st (Wilson), 3. Three others started. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Zurich, 3 to 1 v. Araxes, 5 to 1 each v. Harmony and Musket, 10 to 1 v. others. Zurich lost 15 lengths at the start through jumping back, which spoilt his chances. Musket won by a length and a half, Saintly a bad third. Time, 1 minute 18 seconds. Dividend, £1 17s.

Autumn Handicap, 1 mile.—Safety, by Safeguard—Desdon, 6st 9lb (Stone), 1; Richmond, 8st 9lb (Tucker), 2; Memento, 8st 6lb (Holmes), 3. Five others started. Betting: 5 to 2 v. Brise des Nuits, 3 to 1 v. Lady Ellen, 4 to 1 v. Richmond, 6 to 1 v. Memento, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 46 seconds. Dividend, £17 5s; Leger, £20 6s.

ONKAPARINGA JOCKEY CLUB.

OAKBANK, Monday.

The annual race meeting of the Onkaparinga J.C. was held to-day, when everything passed off successfully. Following are the details:—

Hurdle Race, 2 miles.—Mr. A. Maple's Bethnal, by Neckersgat—Maritana, 11st 11lb (Deveney), 1; Mr. W. Reece's Killarney, 10st 5lb (W. Reece), 2; Mr. Manifold's Cintra, 10st 7lb (D. Allen), 3. Other starters: Jenico, 10st 1lb (M'Gowan); Garter, 10st 9lb (C. Howie); Cintra, 10st 7lb; Regent, 10st 13lb, including 1lb over (S. Ferry); Albury Queen, 9st 13lb (Driscoll); Ebb, 9st 12lb (M. Quinn); New Warrior, 9st 9lb (W. Thompson); Bismarck, 9st 2lb, including 2lb over (Coad). Amount in totalisator, £3754 10s; dividend, £4 14s. The start took place at the back of the hill, but when they came in sight New Warrior was in front, and jumped the hurdle clear of Cintra, Albury Queen, and Killarney, with Bethnal, Regent, and Garter bringing up the rear. Jenico and Ebb fell. Near the hurdle New Warrior was joined by Killarney, and the pair were 10 lengths from Cintra, Albury Queen, and Bethnal, with Bismarck and Garter last. At the turn Killarney headed Bethnal and New Warrior, while Albury Queen fell. Past the stand Killarney and Bethnal were three lengths clear of New Warrior, a similar gap between Regent, Cintra, and Garter, with Bismarck next. On going out of sight Killarney was in command, and on coming into view again he was four lengths ahead of Bethnal, with New Warrior, Garter, and Cintra handy, while Regent was apparently beaten. Killarney came on the round turn three lengths from Bethnal and New Warrior, and led over the final obstacle, but as the packets Bethnal caught him, and coming on won by a couple of lengths. Cintra was three lengths away third, New Warrior four lengths away fourth, followed by Garter, Regent, and Bismarck at intervals. Time, 4 minutes 12 seconds.

Trial Stakes, 7½ furlongs.—Mr. C. Smith's Enfield, by Enfield—Galena, 8st 10lb (W. Hopwood), 1; Mr. D. James's Mercia, 6st 8lb (Dixon), 2; Mr. C. Malone's Mirror, 8st 12lb (Gough), 3. Other starters: Sunset (O'Donnell), Cascade (Hodgkins), Warwick (R. Howes), Little May (M'Cann), Prince Louise (Day), Rowena (M'Enhill). Amount in totalisator, £2451 10s; dividend, £17 12s. The start took place at the 7½ furlongs post at the back of the hill, and when they came in sight Enfield was well clear of Mercia and Warwick, with Rowena next, Cascade, and Little May. Past the two-furlongs post Enfield increased his lead, and racing down hill entered the straight 15 lengths ahead of everything else. At this stage it was apparent nothing else had a chance. Enfield ultimately winning easily by six lengths, four lengths between second and third. Princess Louise was a bad fourth, then came Warwick, Rowena, Sunset, and Little May. Time, 1 minute 38 seconds.

Onkaparinga Cup of 500 sovs., 1 mile and 3 furlongs.—Mr. T. Haig's Merry Pilgrim, by Pilgrim's Progress—Merry Maid, 7st 5½lb, including 2½lb over (Hopwood), 1; Mr. H. Thomson's Nitrous, 7st (Wilkes), 2; Mr. W. Crozier's Rawdon, 7st 10lb, including 4lb over (O'Donnell), 3. Other starters: Acton, 8st 10lb (Minter); Goodwill, 7st 11lb (M'Enhill); Celia, 7st 7lb (Dearth); Johanna, 7st 6lb (Anderson); Bunyan, 7st 3lb (Painter); Fair Sex (Hodgkins); The Sailor, 7st 2lb (M'Cann); Lady Melbourne, 6st 12lb (Kelton); Martagon, 6st 9lb (Dixon); Belemite, 6st 7lb (M'Namara); Corrizann, 6st 7lb (Diedrich); Simulation, 6st 7lb (Darroch). Amount in totalisator, £3636 10s; dividend, £7. Corrizann, Merry Pilgrim, Nitrous, and Martagon were the first to move away, and passing the stand Martagon was showing the way to Corrizann and Johanna, and hanging on their girths were Acton, Nitrous, and Belemite, a light gap separating these from Rawdon, Simulation, Goodwill, Merry Pilgrim, and The Sailor, with Celia, Bunyan, and Lady Melbourne bringing up the rear. As they went out of sight Martagon was still in the lead, but coming in sight Johanna and Corrizann were making play from Nitrous and Rawdon, with Merry Pilgrim, Goodwill, Fair Sex, and Acton all handy. As they came to the turn Merry Pilgrim assumed command from Nitrous and Rawdon, and Corrizann having lost her place, Merry Pilgrim drew further away rounding the turn and led into the straight a length in advance of Nitrous and Rawdon. From this out the issue was never in doubt, Merry Pilgrim winning comfortably by five lengths, with Rawdon two lengths away third. Fair Sex was fourth, followed by Corrizann, Belemite, Bunyan, Goodwill, Acton, Martagon, Johanna, Simulation, and Celia as named. The Sailor fell going along the back of the hill. Time, 2 minutes 29 seconds.

Great Eastern Steeplechase of 100 sovs., 3½ miles.—Messrs. Humphrey and Jenkins's Euro, by Kongaroo—Inchbonnie, 11st 5lb (Brookes), 1; Mr. C. N. Kidman's Snapshot, 12st 5lb (Driscoll), 2; Mrs. Cowden's Homer, 10st 4lb (Williamson), 3. Other starters: Orb, 11st 7lb (Holmes); Mysore, 11st 2lb (Allan); Former, 10st 8lb; The Duke, 10st 6lb (Joskin); Bush Lad, 10st 5lb (Williams); Songster, 10st 4lb (M'Gowan); Wirrawa, 10st 4lb, including 2½lb over (Ferry); Sleight of Hand, 9st 8lb (Howie); Supple Jack, 9st 9lb, including 2lb over (Deveney); Colefire, 9st (Fair). Amount in totalisator, £4605 1s; dividend, £5 6s.

Hills Railway Stakes, 5 furlongs.—Mr. J. M. Roberts's Harpist, by Harmonist—Hindrance, 7st 9lb (G. Wheeler), 1; Mr. A. Maple's Ybraw, 7st 11lb (A. Anderson), 2; Mr. C. N. Kidman's Eos, 7st 6lb (Dearth), 3. Other starters: Trochon, 8st 4lb (Hodgkiss); Sunny Morn, 8st (Smith); Rose Park, 8st, including 2lb over (M. Quinn); Tranquility, 7st 11lb (M'Enhill); Belamite, 7st 6lb (M'Namara); Dumps, 7st 6lb (Painter); Fairyland, 7st 9lb (Minter); Innocence, 7st (M'Cann); Princess Louise, 6st 10lb (Lawlor); Cascade, 6st 7lb (W. Hopwood); Corrizanne, 6st 7lb (Diedrich). Amount in totalisator, £2259 10s; dividend, £7 12s. Innocence was the first away from Ybraw and Tranquility, with Sunny Morn, Eos, and Corisanne heading the others, who were whipped in by Trochon. After a furlong Tranquility and Ybraw drew out from Eos, Sunny Morn, and Innocence. At the turn Ybraw had a slight advantage of Tranquility, with Eos, Harpist, Sunny Morn, and Cascade well up. The two leaders entered the straight from Harpist, Eos, and Sunny Morn, but at the pickets Harpist drew out and won by three lengths, four lengths between second and third. Sunny Morn was fourth, followed by Tranquility, Innocence, Rose Park, and Dumps, with Fairyland last. Time, 1 minute 5 seconds.

Amateur Steeplechase.—Mr. John Tyler's Mil Lel, by Barus (Mr. W. J. Smith), 1; Mr. R. Howie's Sandy (Mr. B. A. Sanders), 2; Mr. T. S. Ryder's Ringwood (Mr. Nunan), 3. Other starters: Blondin (Mr. Timmins), Sympathy (Mr. Jenkinson), Rippling Wave (Mr. F. Cowan), The Idler (Mr. Huller), Merry Minstrel (Mr. M'Fie), Brutus (Mr. F. Evans), Mackrel (Mr. J. Mullins). Amount in totalisator, £2357 10s; dividend, £7 9s. Brutus led till the last fence was reached, where Idler caught him. The pair then took the wrong course, running along the training track into the crowd. Mil Lel then came on, and won by 10 lengths, five lengths away being Ringwood, third. Idler was a long way behind, fourth.

Disposal Stakes.—Mr. J. Seobie's Blue Cap II., by Sunrise—Young Blue Bonnet (Minter), 1; Mr. D. H. M'Farlane's Canyon (H. Hopwood), 2; Mr. A. E. Press's Lady Melbourne, 3. Other starters: Sunset (O'Donnell), Klondyke (Hopwood), Anglo (M'Cann), Nita Carlyon (M'Enhill), Sunbeam (Kelton). Amount in totalisator, £2297 10s; dividend, £1 14s. Won easily by three lengths, a length between second and third. Sunbeam was fourth, with Nita Carlyon last. Time, 1 minute 41 seconds. Winner was bought in for 130 guineas.

WALLSEND JOCKEY CLUB.

NEWCASTLE, Monday.

The Easter Meeting of the Wallsend Jockey Club was held under successful auspices to-day. The attendance was good, and the weather was fine but windy. In the Borough Handicap Inkpen, the rider of Miniimbah, was thrown and sustained painful, though not dangerous, injuries. Appended are the results:—

Hurdle Race of 30 sovs., 2 miles and 100 yards.—Mr. R. Hector's blk g Onez, by Zeno—Miss Trickett, aged, 10st 7lb (Phoenix), 1; Mrs. G. Dominey's ch g Adventurer, 5 years, 9st 8lb (Chaafe), 2; Mr. R. Fleming's br g Emerald, aged, 9st 8lb, 3. Ego, 9st, also started. Betting: Even money on Onez, 2 to 1 v. Emerald, 4 to 1 v. Ego, 6 to 1 v. Adventurer. While negotiating the last hurdle Ego, who was on equal terms with Onez, fell, and the latter won easily by half a dozen lengths. Time, 4 minutes 18½ seconds.

Shorts Handicap of 25 sovs., 6 furlongs and 20 yards.—Mr. James Chambers's b g First Consul, by Correze—Legio, 3 years, 8st 4lb (Morgan), 1; Mr. M. J. Burke's b m Myosotis, 6 years, 8st 5lb (Callinan), 2; Mr. A. Ingram's br m Irish Belle, 5 years, 8st 12lb (Barclay) 3. Other starter: Happy Tom, 8st 4lb. Betting: 6 to 4 on First Consul, 2 to 1 v. Myosotis, 4 to 1 v. Happy Tom, 8 to 1 v. Irish Belle. The favourite went to the front and won with the greatest ease. Time, 1 minute 21 seconds.

Flying Welter of 25 sovs., 6 furlongs 20 yards.—Mr. M. J. Snowden's b m Princess Arena, by Clayton—Princess of Thule, 6 years, 8st 5lb (Quinn), 1; Mr. J. Jewell's br g Insolence, 4 years, 8st 4lb (Champion), 2; Mrs. C. Spruce's b m Mabel, aged, 9st (Callinan), 3. Other starters: Jerry, 8st 8lb; The Guardsman, 8st; Defender, 8st; Miniimbah, 7st 9lb; Purity, 7st 9lb; May Moon, 7st 9lb; Tragedian, 7st 7lb; Harvest Home, 7st 7lb; Crackers, 7st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 2 each v. The Guardsman and Mabel, 4 to 1 v. Princess Arena, 5 to 1 v. Defender, 8 to 10 to 1 v. others. Won comfortably with a couple of lengths to spare. Time 1 minute 21½ seconds.

Town Plate Handicap of 55 sovs., second horse 5 sovs. from the prize, 1 mile.—Mr. J. Moss's b g The Snail, by Albatross—Ira, 4 years, 6st 7lb (Gilmore), 1; M. P. M'Carthy's b m Patrie, 4 years, 7st 6lb (M'Carthy), 2; Mr. J. Gallimore's br g Ilander II., 5 years, 7st 10lb, 3. Other starters: Moama, 8st 12lb; America, 8st 10lb; Castatrice, 8st 5lb; First Consul, 8st 5lb, including 7lb penalty; Marshall, 7st 10lb; Precedes, 6st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 4 v. First Consul, 3 to 1 v. Moama, 6 to 1 v. Patrie, 8 to 1 v. America, 10 to 1 to 12 to 1 v. others. The Snail went to the front at the gates, and gradually increased his lead, winning by eight to ten lengths. Time, 1 minute 45 seconds.

Borough Handicap of 25 sovs., for all horses that have not won a prize of the value of 40 sovs. at the time of entrance, 6 furlongs and 20 yards.—Mr. J. Kingsley's br h Harvest Home, by The Jester—Somnus mare, 4 years, 7st 7lb (Champion), 1; Mr. R. Simmons's c m Lady Darling, 5 years, 8st 4lb (Simmons), 2; Mr. A. Ingram's br m Irish Belle, 5 years, 7st 5lb (W. Gilmore), 3. Other starters: Miniimbah, 7st 9lb; Mick, 7st 9lb; May Moon, 7st 9lb; War Cry, 7st 5lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Mick, 4 to 1 each v. Lady Darling and Harvest Home, 7 to 10 to 1 v. others. Harvest Home won by a bare neck. Time, 1 minute 21 seconds.

Stewards' Handicap of 25 sovs., 7 furlongs.—Mr. J. Gallimore's br g Ilander II., by Butler—Ira, 5 years, 9st 2lb (Callinan), 1; Mr. J. Moss's b g The Snail, 4 years, 8st 7lb, including 7lb penalty (Vials), 2; Mrs. C. Spruce's b m Mabel, aged, 9st (Eckford), 3. Other starters: Moama, 10st 7lb; Patrie, 9st; The Guardsman, 8st; Misfortune, 8st. Betting: 3 to 1 v. The Guardsman, 4 to 1 each v. Ilander II. and The Snail, 5 to 1 each v. Mabel and Patrie. Won with ease by a couple of lengths. Time, 1 minute 33½ seconds.

MENTONE RACES.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

A race meeting was held at Mentone on Saturday, but heavy rains interfered with the attendance. Appended are the results:—

Maiden Plate, 5 furlongs.—Ingliston, 7st 5lb (Cooper), 1; Lock, 6st 10lb (Fisher), 2; Destroyer, 6st 7lb (Ross), 3. Other starters: Madame, Fuse, Unplaced, Self Defence, Trade Mark, and Rue Pilgrim. Betting: 5 to 2 each v. Ingliston and Lock, 5 to 1 v. Rue Pilgrim, 10 to 1 v. others. Won easily by half a dozen lengths, Destroyer a bad third. Fuse and Madame were next, with Self Defence last. Time, 1 minute 5 seconds.

Hurdle Race, 2 miles 20 yards.—Insult, by Bengal—Apology, 10st 13lb (Roberts), 1; Parrakeet, 10st 6lb (Edge), 2; Ingeegoodbie, 11st 4lb (Faunt), 3. Other starters: Bloodwood and Dignity. Betting: 7 to 4 v. Insult, 4 to 1 each v. Ingeegoodbie and Parrakeet, 6 to 1 v. Bloodwood. Won easily by half a dozen lengths, a similar distance between second and third, with Bloodwood last. Time, 4 minutes 4 seconds.

Flying Handicap, 5½ furlongs.—Lyddite, by Zalinski—Splendor, 7st 7lb (Moore), 1; Mervyn, 7st 10lb (Cooper), 2; Kooma, 7st 13lb (W. Ross), 3. Other starters: Melody II., Carisman, Mineral, The Brewer, Pindie, Moroney, Dorothy, Earl Rosebery, Starling, and Sagacity. Betting: 4 to 1 each v. Starling and Lyddite, 5 to 1 v. Kooma, 6 to 1 v. Brewer, 8 to 10 to 1 v. the others. Won by a head, two lengths between second and third. The Brewer and Starling were next, with Earl Rosebery last. Time, 1 minute 8¼ seconds.

Mentone Handicap, 1 mile.—Dandy Dick, by Meteor—Fowsley mare, 8st 1lb (Cooper), 1; Peeress, 8st 4lb (Daniels), 2; Adjuster, 7st 9lb (Moore), 3. Other starters: Veloce, Goodman, Report, Neptune, Pirilles, Palmerston, Ascot, Come Ashore, Emperor. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Dandy Dick, 4 to 1 v. Report, 8 to 1 each v. Adjuster and Palmerston, 10 to 1 v. others. Won easily by three lengths, one length between second and third; Palmerston and Report were next, with Veloce last. Time, 1 minute 47¼ seconds.

Steeplechase, 2 miles.—Sinister, by Bend Sinister—Brandon mare, 11st 2lb (Hales), 1; Haut Ton, 10st 6lb (Cooper), 2; Stamford, 10st 13lb (Cameron), 3. Other starters: Blue Peter, Count Milano, Belle, Woodlark, B.B., Strop, N.Z., M'Teorite, and Rosebud. Betting: 5 to 2 v. Haut Ton, 3 to 1 v. Sinister, 7 to 1 v. Stamford, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by four lengths, a length between second and third. Rosebud was fourth, with Strop last. Blue Peter and Milano fell. Time, 4 minutes 27¼ seconds.

Welter Handicap, 6½ furlongs.—Gunbar, by Stanza, 8st 7lb (Cooney), 1; Detonator, 8st (Lewis), 2; Dandy Dick, 8st 13lb (Piper), 3. Other starters: Ampier, Private, Willis, Skysail, Robin, La France, Jumbo, Dazzle. Betting: 5 to 2 v. Dandy Dick, 3 to 1 v. Gunbar, 4 to 1 v. Skysail, 6 to 1 v. Robin, 7 to 1 v. Ampier, 10 to 1 v. others. Won easily by five lengths, Dandy Dick a moderate third. Time, 1 minute 27½ seconds.

KEMPSEY RACE MEETING.

A LAD KILLED.

KEMPSEY, Monday.

A race meeting in aid of the Patriotic Fund was held to-day under the auspices of the Macleay River Jockey Club. There was only a moderate attendance, owing to the cold, windy weather. The results were:—

Ladysmith Stakes.—Wild Dove, 1; Beau Seat, 2.

Bushmen's Hurry Skurry.—Darkie, 1.

Empire Handicap.—Sir Charles, 1; Victoria, 2; Wrangler, 3.

Lancer Handicap Hack Race.—Darkie, 1.

Kimberley Welter.—Wrangler, 1; Sir Charles, 2; Victoria, 3.

During the Hurry Scurry a lad named Thomas Marriott was killed, and the horse he was riding was badly injured. There were 10 starters. The deceased lad was an apprentice in one of the local newspaper offices.

DELORAINE TURF CLUB.

LAUNCESTON, Monday.

The Deloraine Turf Club held a most successful meeting to-day. In the Handicap Hurdle Punchinello fell, and the jockey (C. E. Williams) had his skull smashed; the lad expired in the hospital this evening. Appended are the results:—

Maiden Hurdles.—Punchinello, by Mozart—Vashti, 1; Regnade, 2; Regitar, 3.

Trial Stakes.—Magazine, by Arsenal—Creswick mare, 1; Sir Arsenal, 2; Terperer, 3.

Handicap Hurdle Race.—Algernon, by Reginald—May Day, 1; President, 2; Jens, 3.

Delorraine Handicap.—Timbrel, by Mozart—Babylon, 1; A'brak, 2; Cohort, 3.

Steeplechase.—Platypus, by Creswick—Governor mare, 1; Montrose, 2; Barrington, 3.

MILTON JOCKEY CLUB.

MILTON, Monday.

The Jockey Club races on Saturday were fairly well patronised, and the racing was good. Results:—

Opening Handicap.—Mr. Millard's Rainbow, 1; Mr. Lanzenbagh's David, 2; Mr. Mylchreest's Hary, 3.

District Purse.—Mr. Brodie's Killarney, 1; Mr. Millard's Rainbow, 2; Mr. Mylchreest's Hary, 3. Six starters.

First Hack Race.—Mr. Latta's Hobart.

Milton Handicap.—Mr. Lanzenbagh's David, 1; Mr. Latta's Aboriginae, 2; Mr. Walker's Illumination, 3.

Second Hack Race.—Mr. Lankenbagh's Lizzie.

GRETA RACES.

GRETA, Monday.

Races were held on the Greta course to-day. There was a fair attendance. Appended are the results:—

Flying Handicap.—Mr. Bourke's Rock Alter, 8st 1lb 1; Mr. J. Deasy's Lady Grey, 8st 5lb, 2; Mr. B. Drinan's Jerusalem, 7st 7lb, 3. Butler, 7st, also started.

Greta Handicap.—Mr. Bourke's Rock Alter, 8st 12lb, 1; Mr. Drinan's Jerusalem, 7st 5lb, 2; Mr. Wheatley's Butler, 7st, 3. Nelly, 7st, also started.

Final Handicap.—Mr. Bourke's Rock Alter, 9st 1lb, 1; Mr. Drinan's Jerusalem, 8st, 2; Mr. Whitelaw's Reject, 7st 7lb, 3.

Several hack races were also run.

PARKES ANNUAL RACES.

PARKES, Monday.

On the first day of the Parkes annual races the weather was rather inclement, but there was a good attendance. The following are the results:—

Newmarket Handicap, 6 furlongs.—R. Bruce's Goodooga, 7st 9lb, 1; W. R. Kerr's Hugo Victor, 7st 5lb, 2; J. Baker's S-di, 7st 12lb, 3. Time, 1 minute 20 seconds.

Publican's Purse, 1 mile.—S. Clarke's Winoline, 8st 8lb, 1; E. Peacock's Mulgah, 8st 7 b, 2; J. Glazier's Ruby, 8st 12lb, 3. Time, 1 minute 51 seconds.

Nursery Handicap, 4 furlongs.—C. Smith's Constellation, 9st 2lb, 1; C. Beresford's Parana, 9st 2lb, 2; H. M'Lean's Donald, 9st 2lb, 3.

Town Plate. Mrs. J. Hunt's Sateen, 8st 12lb, 1; J. Flannery's Rosebay, 7st 5lb, 2; S. Clarke's Caroline, 8st 8lb, 3. Time, 1 minute 48 4-5 seconds.

Easter Handicap.—C. Barnett's Goldbust, 8st 8lb, 1; E. Peacock's Mulgah, 6st 11lb, 2; W. Drew's Portland, 8st 4lb, 3. Time, 1 minute 21 seconds.

NUNDLE PATRIOTIC RACES.

NUNDLE, Monday.

The patriotic races were held here to-day. The weather was very cold, but the attendance was good. Subjoined are the results:—

Pretoria Stakes of 10 sovs.—Raven, by Idlium, 1; Avremin, 2; Muscatel, 3.

Hacks' Race of 5 sovs.—Rusty, by Beauchamp—Tetere's mare, 1; Cocoas, 2; Crockford, 3.

Patriotic Handicap of 20 sovs.—Murra, by Metal—Maid of Kent, 1; Avremin, 2; Muscatel, 3.

Ladysmith Handicap, of 4 sovs.—Popgun, by Krupp, 1; Crockford 2.

Forced Handicap.—Popgun, 1; Whurra, 2; Rusty, 3.

ROSEBERY PARK PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

The weights for the pony and galloway races to be held at Rosebery Park on Wednesday are as under:—

Trial Handicap (15.0), 4 furlongs.—Little Lady, 8st; Kruger, 7st 10lb; Amarita, 7st 7lb; The Peasant, 7st 5lb; Au Revoir II., 7st 2lb; Church Belle, 7st.

Fourteen-one Handicap, 4 furlongs.—Myalba, 9st 12lb; Little Essie, 8st 10lb; Two Up, 8st 10lb; Prioress, 8st 7lb; Vixen, 8st 5lb; Frawney, 8st 5lb; Edna Lyall 8st 3lb; Donalda, 7st 12lb; Amanda, 7st 12lb; Queen Olga, 7st 8lb; Zelda, 7st 7lb; Janet, 7st 7lb; Lady Lygon, 7st 5lb; Innisfail, 7st 5lb; Templar, 7st 3lb; Zulu Queen, 7st; History, 7st.

Thirteen-three Handicap, 4 furlongs.—Mueskin, 9st 5lb; Ho Pe-p, 8st 9lb; Adella II., 8st 5lb; Patch, 8st; Mirth, 7st 10lb; Polly, 7st 7lb; Flora, 7st 2lb; Lala, 7st; Nita, 7st; Auric, 7st; Miss Rory, 7st; J. B., 7st.

Fourteen-two Handicap, 4½ furlongs.—Venus, 9st 9lb; Pride, 9st 1lb; Ladysmith, 8st 10lb; Mar'onette, 8st 4lb; Little Lady, 8st 3lb; Phyllis O'Brien, 8st; Lola, 7st 10lb; Gundy, 7st 5lb; Nowra Maid, 7st 7lb; The Premier, 7st 5lb; J. B., 7st 3lb; The Major, 7st 2lb; Ballet Girl, 7st; Orube, 7st; Amie Hay, 7st.

Rosebery Park Handicap, 6½ furlongs.—Loch Katrine, 9st 1lb; Cadow, 8st 1lb; Fair Nell, 8st 12lb; Vernon, 8st 9lb; Petrel, 8st 5lb; Pride, 8st; Ada, 8st; Quadrat, 7st 10lb; Melanite, 7st 8lb; Retribution, 7st 7lb; Geneva, 7st 5lb; Lizzie, 7st 5lb; Wombo, 7st.

CRICKET.

POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENTS' MATCH.

NEW SOUTH WALES v. QUEENSLAND.

The above match was continued at Sydney Cricket Ground, No. 2, yesterday. When play closed on Saturday the game stood—New South Wales, 275; Queensland, one wicket for 18. The visitors made only a moderate show against the bowling of Brown, Shea, Coyle, and Rose, and in the end the innings closed for 140, or a minority of 135. Those who shaped best were Richardson (who was twelfth man in the Sydney intercolonial match with Queensland) with 31, Chapman 29, Tate 20, and Gale 19. Following on the visitors considerably improved upon their former effort, especially Chapman, who hit up 111 in splendid style. He got his runs all round, and a couple of strokes landed the ball over the fence for five. Mills also batted well for 44. At drawing of stumps there were seven wickets for 258. The match will be concluded to-day. Scores:—

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings, 275.

QUEENSLAND.—First Innings.

Tate, lbw, b Brown	20
Judge, b Brown	3
Mills, c Sawyer, b Coyle	4
Chapman, b Rose	29
Richardson, st Bourke, b Shea	31
Pratten, b Rose	0
Diggins, b Shea	3
Gale, b Shea	19
Jones, run out	8
Benjamin, b Coyle	4
Grimes, not out	1
Sundries	18
Total	140

Bowling.—Coyle, two for 32; Brown, two for 34; Rose, two for 32; Shea, three for 34.

Second Innings.

Chapman, b Watts	111
Grimes, run out	1
Tate, b Coyle	13
Mills, lbw, b Coyle	44
Richardson, lbw, b Watts	16
Gale, b Brown	25
Judge, b Brown	26
Pratten, not out	4
Sundries	8
Total	258

THE A. M. P. SOCIETY'S MATCH.

The match between the Sydney and the Melbourne branches of the A. M. P. Society was continued yesterday on Sydney Cricket Ground, No. 1, and the result was a draw. The weather was much too cold to admit of an enjoyable day's cricket. At the drawing of stumps on Saturday the Melbourne branch had scored 191, and Sydney had lost two wickets for 65. The remainder of the local team failed to keep anywhere near that average, the last wicket falling at 141. A. M'Credie was top score with 33—got on the Saturday afternoon—and then came Dight 28. The other doubles were Kingsbury 10, Haines 18, Redshaw 12. The home team anticipated that Collins would prove most dangerous amongst the visitors' bowlers, but he was the least successful, Touzel securing the best figures—viz., three for 23. Being in the minority of 50 the Sydney men hoped to quickly dismiss their opponents and probably drag the match out of the fire, but that intention was completely frustrated by the partnership of Gore and Anderson. The former followed up his 60 of the first innings with a compilation of 129, which included 21 fours. Anderson was not out 79, and at time there were five wickets for 228. Scores:—

MELBOURNE OFFICE.—First Innings, 191.

Second Innings.

Williamson, b Dight	3
Steel, b Dight	0
Ikin, b M'Credie	11
Gore, st Redshaw, b Van Brakkel	129
Anderson, not out	79
Collins, b Dight	3
Touzel, not out	0
Sundries	3
Five wickets for	228

Bowling.—Dight, three for 40; M'Credie, one for 25; Haines, none for 14; Neil, none for 12; Kingsbury, none for 16; Snoddon, none for 16; Wardrop, none for 26; Redshaw, none for 6.

SYDNEY OFFICE.

M'Credie, lbw, b Collins	33
Kingsbury, b Garland	10
Dight, run out	28
Haines, b Touzel	18
Wardrop, run out	6
Callaghan, run out	1
Neil, b Steel	2
Raymond, b Touzel	5
Snoddon, c Gore, b Touzel	4
Redshaw, b Steel	12
Van Brakkel, not out	0
Sundries	22
Total	141

Bowling.—Collins, one for 32; Steel, two for 35; Garland, one for 16; Williamson, none for 13; Touzel, three for 23.

BATHURST, Monday.

A cricket match was commenced on Saturday, Bathurst and Orange Unions v. Metropolitan clubs. The country team won. They made 89 in the first innings, T. M'Kibbon getting 103. The other double figures were E. Barnes 48, N. Hives 40, F. Gornall 35, H. Walker 14. The Sydney men obtained 63, and in the second innings they had three wickets down for 78. Gow 27 in the first and O'Brien 47 in the second innings were the principal scorers. M'Kibbon's average was four wickets for 7 runs.

BOWRAL, Monday.

A cricket match was played on Saturday, Newington College v. Surveyors' Camp, and resulted in an easy win for the former. Scores: Newington College, innings closed, 251 for four wickets (C. Tye 102 retired, Buchanan 54, Hawken 40, Brown 28 not out, Prescott 11 not out); Surveyors' Camp, 51.

Marrickville Ferndales easily defeated Bowral Association, scores being: Bowral Association, 133 (W. Johnson 46); Ferndales, six for 227 (Gallagher 110 not out, Oxley 38 not out, Alger 33).

GOULBURN, Monday.

In the cricket match between Double Bay and Goulburn, the former in the first innings made 115 (Adams 21, Shepherd 18, Swire 17, Davis 17); second innings made nine wickets for 104 (Corner not out 27, Lidler 15, Merry 14). Goulburn: First, 105 (Layton 27, M'Innes 20, Cassell 20). The Junior Competition ended on Saturday, St. Patrick's College winning. The Senior averages place L. Hunt top both in batting and bowling.

GRAFTON, Monday.

The match between Mr. Shute's team and eleven of the Grafton Associate team was commenced on Saturday. The former in the first innings made 252 (E. G. Noble 35, Newell 32, M. A. Noble 27, F. Deery 77). Grafton, who made 168 in the first innings, lost eight wickets for 57 in the second innings, of which A. Gray scored 39 not out. M. A. Noble took the whole of the eight wickets for 28 runs. At this stage the match was drawn, but was virtually a win for the Sydney team.

The visiting team was entertained at a smoke concert in the evening, and will leave for Richmond River.

LITHGOW, Monday.

A cricket match was played on Friday between a local team and Botany C. C. on the Association wicket. Scores: Botany, 172; Lithgow, 43.

In the cricket match Wallerawang v. Paddington, played on Good Friday, Wallerawang won. Scores: Wallerawang, 228; Paddington, first innings 120, second innings four wickets for 105.

On Saturday the Botany and Lithgow teams again met here, the former winning by 145 to 93.

PENRITH, Monday.

The semi-final for the Lees' shield is not yet decided, Emu A and Castlereagh appearing to have the best of it. The round will probably be concluded next Saturday, after which the final will be commenced. Castlereagh were the winners last year, and if they win this year (twice in succession) the shield becomes their property.

TRANGIE, Monday.

Trangie Cricket Club met Delroy Club at Dubbo on Saturday. The former won on the first innings with three wickets to spare.

WEST MAITLAND, Monday.

The match Albions v. Macleay River Aboriginal Team was resumed on the Albion Ground on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the former by 55 runs. The Albions closed their innings with a total of 325, and the visitors responded with 270. The scores of the Aboriginals were as follow:—S. Drew, b Terry, 68; R. Smith, st Carr, b Giles, 22; F. Carlon, b Giles, 0; A. Wood and s, c Bowden, b Terry, 5; C. Davis, c Bowden, b Giles, 5; C. Taylor, lbw, b Terry, 4; J. Moran, b Giles, 7; S. Bullock, b Giles, 16; J. Moylan, not out, 51; W. Laurie, c W. Ross, b B. Ross, 14; T. M'Grath, b B. Ross, 0; J. Lenwood, b Lindsay, 40; G. Davis, b Terry, 14; sundries, 11. Total, 270.

LAWN TENNIS.

GOULBURN LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

SEVENTH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT.

GOULBURN, Monday.

The seventh annual lawn tennis tournament was continued to-day. The results were:—

Single Handicap.—Second Round.

Dunlop beat Monahan, 6-0, 6-4.
W. Mackenzie beat Sands, 4-6, 6-3, 6-5.
Irving beat Dunlop, 6-1, 6-1.
H. Shepherd beat Bunting, 6-1, 5-6, 6-1.

Third Round.

H. Shepherd beat W. Mackenzie, 6-1, 6-4.
Irving beat G. Shepherd, 2-6, 6-4, 6-0.
Shepherd played Irving an unfinished game. Shepherd won on a draw.

Double Handicap.—Second Round (continued).

H. Shepherd and Bunting beat Kelynack and Latrielle, 6-3, 6-4.
Bunting and Shepherd beat Mackenzie and Reading, 5-6, 6-1, 6-4.
Irving and Dewhurst beat Hay and Shepherd, 6-5, 4-6, 6-1.
V. Dewhurst and Smith beat Rankin and Raymond, 6-1, 5-6, 6-6.
Shepherd and Bunting beat Dewhurst and Smith, 6-0, 6-4.

Final.

Shepherd and Bunting beat Irving and Dewhurst, 6-4, 7-5.

Single Championship (continued).

Reading beat Blaxland, 6-1, 6-3.
Irving beat Dewhurst, 6-4, 6-4.
Irving beat Reading, 6-0, 6-4.

Mixed Doubles.—Continued.

Gosling and Miss Dight beat Mackenzie and Miss Mackenzie, 5-5, 6-1.
Dewhurst and Miss Dight beat Shepherd and Miss Pemmell.

Final.

Gosling and Miss F. H. Dight beat Dewhurst and Miss H. K. Dight, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

Ladies' Doubles.—Continued.

Misses Keele and Freeman beat Misses Pemmell and Miss Mackenzie, 6-4, 5-6, 6-3.

Final.

Misses Keele and Freeman beat Misses Fairclough, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Double Championship.—Continued.

Reading and Blaxland beat Irving and Dewhurst, 6-4, 6-4.

Final.

Reading and Blaxland beat Shepherd and Bunting, 6-1, 6-6.

The prizes were distributed to the winners by Mrs. A. B. Chisholm, wife of the president of the club.

CANDELO, Monday.

The Candelo Tennis Club met the Tilba Tilba Club on the former's court to-day, and the match resulted in a win for the Tilba club. Result:—

Candelo: 10 games, 7 sets.
Tilba: 119 games, 17 sets.

The players for Candelo were:—Messrs. J. A. Brown, A. Gordon, S. Glenn, and W. Irvin. Tilba: Messrs. Crap, Bozzell, Dunn, and Wilkin.

THE PLAGUE.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

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DORWARD.—Bakery, good suburban business, complete plant, doing 10 bags a week, worth insp., £140.

DORWARD.—Large General Store, rent 30s, takings £15 week, offered to-day, stock at valuation, ab. £40.

DORWARD.—Boarding-house, model establishment, compl. furn., full boarders, proof. bus., £110, ½ cash.

DORWARD.—News Agency and Stationery, over 5000 dailies weekly, good shop trade, £250. Buyers call.

WARDEN, 99 ELIZABETH-ST., near King-st.

WARDEN.—Hotel, near station, unquestionable position, rent £3, beer 5 x 36's, cash £280.

WARDEN.—Hotel, 7 miles from G.P.O., rent £2 proof, payments £85 monthly. Long lease, £375.

WARDEN.—Hotel, Newtown, lease 7 years, rent £3, no other hotel near, cash £120.

WARDEN.—Suburban Hotel, beer 14 x 36's week, moderate rent, lately renovated, £900.

WARDEN.—Hotel, Darlinghurst, takings over £50 week, respectable trade, easy rent, £550. Hotel, Redfern, corner, easily worked, light expenses, £200.

WARDEN.—Suburban Hotel, tram terminus, bar £100 week, £1000. 99 Elizabeth-st.

AMBROSE F. THOMPSON, 130 King-street.—Businesses and Boarding-houses for SALE.

LODGING-HOUSE, city, rent 15s, 8 lodgers, 10 beds, chairs, tables, washstands, linoleums, stove, sewing machine, all very clean and well kept, price if sold to-day £20. A. F. THOMPSON, 130 King-street.

CONFECTIONERY, Pastry, &c., shop, 4 rooms, kit., rent 15s, trade £8, nice room, price £25. Thompson.

TEA and Grill Rooms, takings £8 weekly, rent £1, 5 tables, 15 chairs, cutlery, cooking utensils, linen, crockery, 2 beds, &c., price if sold at once £20. A. F. THOMPSON, 130 King-street.

RESTAURANT (6d), takings £20 wk., trial, complete plant, price £115, terms. A. F. Thompson.

AMBROSE F. THOMPSON, 130 King-st.—Tobacconist and Hairdressing, trade £10, gd. fittings, £85.

BOARDING-HOUSE, 15 m. G.P.O., 10 rms., well fur clean, piano, £120 cash; prin. only. M. P., Herald.

NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-st., near Hunter-st., have largest and best selection Boarding, Lodging Hs.

BOARDING Establishment, North Shore, large grounds, harbour view, water frontage, splendidly furnished, piano, large and select connection, £275, part cash. NEEDHAM and CO.

BOARDING-HOUSE, Macquarie-st. North, 19 rooms, 20 boarders, well furn., £350, easy terms. Needham.

BOARDING-HOUSE, Potts Point, 11 rooms, 7 permanent boarders, high-class boarders, £130. Needham.

BOARDING-HOUSE, 9 rooms, rent 21s, 6 boarders, neatly furnished, £70. Needham and Co.

LODGING-HOUSE, splendid position, rent 20s, 5 lodgers, £40. Needham and Co.

BOARDING-HOUSE, 11 rooms, stables, 8 boarders, old-established, fully furn., £70. Needham and Co.

NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-st., have large list of Businesses, city, subs., and c'try, cash or terms.

RESTAURANT and Boarding-house, George-street, large dining saloon, kitchen, 4 bedrooms, 11 beds, well furnished throughout, doing a solid business, owner leaving Sydney, £90. NEEDHAM and CO.

TEA and Luncheon Rooms, city, marble-top tables, chairs, stove, &c., trial given, £75. Needham and Co.

GROCERY and General, corner shop, cash trade, value in stock, £45. Needham and Co.

HAM, Beef, Confectionery, great bargain, low rent, stock, scales, £7. Needham and Co.

BAKERY, Northern River, 1000 loaves weekly, business can easily be extended, plant, £60. Needham.

TEA and Luncheon Rooms, best city stand, large and splendidly fitted room, kitchen, takings £25 weekly, proof of trade given, owner leaving Australia, £60, chance seldom offered. NEEDHAM and CO.

DAIRY, North Shore, large paddock, 19 cows, 4 horses, carts, 80 quarts daily, £65. Needham and Co.

NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-st., Milk Run, 15 gallons, 2 horses, cart, cans, £35, trial given.

IVAN HENRY.—City Hotel, centrally situated, 30 rooms, 2 bars, very old established, country connection, takings £150 weekly, accounts and books open to strictest investigation; owner must sell, £1000. 134 Pitt-street.

IVAN HENRY. Hotel, leading suburb, only hotel there, trade £50 wk., £670, terms, just instructed.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, nr. railway stn., lease 5½ yrs., rent low, £150, well worth inspection. 134 Pitt-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, P'matta River, draws 4 hds. weekly, rent £3 10s, £450. Particulars at 134 Pitt-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, Oxford st., new, 22 yrs.' lease at £2 10s, a good spec., £250. 134 Pitt-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, George-st., 12 yrs.' lease at £5 wkly., good accom., great tr. house, £650. 134 Pitt-st.

IVAN HENRY. Hotel, N. Sydney, beautiful home, trade £100 weekly, £1900. 134 Pitt-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, city, free house, net profits proof, £500 a year, £550. 134 Pitt-st.

IVAN HENRY. Residential Hotel, city, cash required ab. £1500. Particulars will be given to bona-fide buyers.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, Balmain, £500; Newtown, £200; Waterloo, £150; R'fern, £700; Surry Hills, £100.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, Petersham, lease 12 years, rent £2, stabling, paddock, garden, £250. 134 Pitt-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, Newtown, grand position, smart publican can make a fortune, £600.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, busy mining town, splen. fur., long lease at £2, tak. £40 wk., live man double, £450.

IVAN HENRY.—Freehold, with possession, Northern rivers, clear. £5 0 per ann., £800, terms. 134 Pitt-st.

BAKERY, city, good shop and dwelling, turnover 6 tons wk., 4 horses, 3 carts, big plant. £500. I. Henry.

BUTCHERY, good main street, 4 bodies, 40 sheep, cash trade £100, bargain. Ivan Henry, 134 Pitt-st.

RESTAURANT and Dining Rooms, best part George-street, splendidly fitted, &c., owner guarantee £4 10s week profit, any trial given, urgent reasons for selling, sacrificed to-day for £110. IVAN HENRY, 134 Pitt-st.

OWEN and CO., 49½ Castlereagh-st., sell Businesses of all descriptions to suit purch. 49½ Castlereagh-st.

OWEN and CO., 49½ Castlereagh-st. Tea and Lunch Rooms, est. 13 yrs., doing £25 wkly., will sell cheap.

OWEN and CO., 49½ Castlereagh-st.—A profitable city Butter Run, clearing £3 wk., full plant, &c., £75.

SMALL Store, good position, proof trade, investigation, £35. Dalwood and Co., Ltd., 113 Bathurst-st.

PRODUCE Business, rising suburb, £400 month, trial, books to inspect. Dalwood and Co., Ltd.

TEA and Luncheon Rooms, city, really A1 position, sell valuation, illness. Dalwood and Co., Ltd.

BOARDING Houses, some of the very best suburban houses, from £100 up to £1000. Dalwood and Co., Ltd.

HAM and Beef Shop, in good suburban thoroughfare; an offer. Dalwood and Co., Ltd., 113 Bathurst-st.

PERSONS requiring bona-fide concerns, call and inspect our List of Businesses for SALE. Easy terms, buyers driven to inspect. DALWOOD and CO., Ltd., 113 Bathurst-street.

DORWARD and CO., 56 HUNTER-STREET.
SOME OF OUR BARGAINS.
Ham and Beef, £15, £40, £60 — News Ag., £55, £75, £300
Tobacconists', £50, £55, £70 — Bicycles, £4
Laundries, £60, £155 — Tea and Lunch, £50, £120
Groceries, £40, £55, £40 — Pastrycook, £120, £200
Confec., £20, £40, £65 — Bakeries, £140, £165, £250
Restaurants, £50 to £400 — Mercery, £400
Boot Repairing, £40 — Butchers', £75, £200.
Boarding-houses, £50, £75, £100, up to £1400.
Businesses of every description.
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DORWARD and CO., 56 HUNTER-STREET. Hotels from £200 to £2000.

DORWARD and CO., 56 HUNTER-STREET. Hotels for Sale, Town, Suburbs, and Country.

JESSOP and CO.—Hotel, sub., spl. turn., lease 20 yrs, rent £3 10s, takes £4 to £50 wk., £625. 6 C'reagh-st.

JESSOP and CO.—Hotel, sub., steady trade, 8 x 36 Tooth's, rent £3 5s, takes £45 wk., £270. 6 C'reagh-st.

JESSOP and CO., 6 C'reagh-st.—Hotel, good shipping house, pays brewer £200 month, £750, takings £45 to £55.

JESSOP and CO.—Hotel, city, takes £30 a week, rent £2, about £100. Call 6 Castlereagh-st.

JESSOP and CO.—Hotel, city, suit beginners, with £60, £60, lease 7, rent 35s, gift. 6 C'reagh-st.

JAMESON and CO., 522 George-street, near Park-street, Have for SALE, amongst others—
House and Land Agency, £30; Fruit and Confect., £60; Ham and Beef, £85; Fried Fish and Potat., £25, £5, £55; General Store, £40; Pastry and Confectionery, £50.

GENERAL Store, £10 week, same hands 9 yrs., rent 10s, accident, £26. Ralph Lowe and Co., 58 Market-st.

GROCERY, £14 week, rent 10s, owner going blind, £55, stock worth £75. R. Lowe and Co., 58 Market-st.

HORSESHOEING and Tob., £4 wk. clear, same hands 9 yrs., nice dwelling, £55. Lowe and Co., 58 Market-st.

REFRESHMENT, Luncheon, Pastry, &c., not a recent but 15 years estab., city bust., radical connection, and good profitable returns, proof, can enervate couple of small family. Particulars from ASHER, 1.6 Pitt-street.

MAN with £50 to £100 can have steady BUSINESS full value in stock, can arrange terms for small balance. Apply Grocer, Randwick P.O.

NEWS AGENCY and STATIONERY, one of the soundest and best-paying businesses in Sydney, leading suburb, fine stock, splendid run, over 5000 papers, clearing £400 per year; good reasons for selling, every investigation allowed; £600. Particulars from Mr. F. K. DAVIS, at Herald office.

FOR SALE, Hairdressing, Tobacconist, and News Agency BUSINESS, rent with dwelling 10s, stock £150.
Leo, Herald Office.

FOR SALE, a prosperous HOTEL BUSINESS in Nyngan, facing railway station; owner selling private reasons. Particulars on application to
A. J. BYRNE, Land Agent, Nyngan.

TIMBER, Wood, and Coal Business, boiler, engine, sawbench, horses, carts, stock, &c.; illness cause; must be sold at once.
ROYAN and CO., Manly.

FOR SALE, flourishing country town, Tinsmithing business, bargain. Particulars 28 Union-st., Pyrmont.

A NEAT Confectionery, Drink, and Milk Business, cheap, suit 1 person, n.o.l. 27 Grosvenor-st., Church-h.

FOR SALE as a going concern, the whole of the HORSES 'BUSES, PLANT, RIGHT OF ROADS, and Lease of Land and Stables of the Sydney Eastern Suburbs Omnibus Company, Limited.

TENDERS for the above will be received at No. 8 Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, up to the 21st instant.

GROCERY, no opposition, could add provisions and produce, house and plenty land, Torrens, £470 cash, or offer, worth twice the money, leaving colony, must sell. 47 Kensington-road, Summer Hill.

A REALLY sound Grocery, &c., BUS. for SALE, good rail and tram customers, healthy locality, nice Shop and dwelling, trade increasing daily, proof, ref., and reasons given, prev. knowledge not necessary, gen. U.W., Herald.

HIGHLY Lucrative Lodging-house, furnished, shop, 7 r., £2 wkly., can be doubled., £17, must sell. 1.0 Strand.

NICE little Business, best stand King-st., must sell this week, cheap. XXX., Herald Office, King-st.

EXCEPTIONAL Opportunity. Grocery Bus., main st., new store, cash trade, £30. X.Y.Z., P.O., Redfern.

A FRUIT BUSINESS for Sale, good stand, four miles, ten incandescent lights, £15. 299 King-st., Newtown.

RESTAURANT for SALE, doing good business, £50. 61 Union-st., Pyrmont.

Furniture, &c.

B. BEBARFALD AND CO.,
536 and 538 George-street, opp. Town Hall.
We have a well-selected Stock of good, reliable FURNITURE,
our prices being the lowest in the city.
We supply a single article or furnish throughout on terms of
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NEW AND SECOND-HAND FURNITURE,
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Everything Must Be Sold.
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Open Saturday Nights till 10 o'clock.

COME to R. SMITH'S NOTED STORES for FURNITURE, Bedsteads, Bedding, Crockery, Ironmongery, and Household Requisites, marked plain figures. No time-payment prices.
402, 402a, 404 Elizabeth-street, Strawberry Hills, near the station.

BATCHELOR and CO., 10 Oxford-square, Oxford-st., for Furniture for cash or on time payments.

BEDSTEADS, single, from 5s; double, from 12s 6d; New Bedding, cheapest in Sydney. 107 Liverpool-st.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Monday Evening.

The continuance of the holidays excludes local financial news.

Business will be resumed to-morrow (Tuesday) with bank rates as follows:—For deposits for 12 months, 3 per cent.; six months, 1½ per cent. Discount rates are: For three months' bills, 5 to 5½ per cent.; for four months' bills, 5½ to 6½ per cent.; overdrafts, 6 to 7 per cent.

London exchange rates are quoted as follows:—

	Buying.	Selling.
On demand	5s disc.	20s premium
30 days' sight	10s disc.	15s 9d premium
60 days' sight	15s disc.	7s 6d premium
90 days' sight	22s 6d disc.	5s premium
120 days' sight	30s disc.	—

Telegraphic transfers, 22s 6d premium. The rates for colonial and intercolonial exchange are as follows:—On New South Wales, 2s per cent.; Broken Hill and Wilcannia, ½; on Queensland, as far north as Rockhampton, ½; Townsville, ½; north of Townsville, 1; Victoria, ½, Tasmania and South Australia, ½. Western Australia—Perth and Fremantle, ½; Cue, Coolgardie, Kanowna, Day Dawn, Roeburn, 1; other parts of Western Australia, 1. New Zealand, ½.

Although so burdensome, and causing so much trouble, involving the enforced reduction of interest, the Argentine debt is not half as great as that of Australasia. The "Pais," a new daily paper started at Buenos Ayres under the auspices of Dr. Pellegrini, furnishes the following statement with respect to it, inclusive of both the foreign and internal debts:—

	Gold dollars.
Various loans issued since 1824, up to and inclusive Santa Fe foreign debt	284,500,000
The other liabilities now contracted for other provinces amount to	33,500,000
The Internal Debt in gold amounts to	32,000,000
The Internal Debt in paper, in round figures, amounts to	43,000,000
Floating debt, treasury bills, &c., amount to	16,700,000
Grand total	409,700,000

Against this the writer in the "Pais" makes sundry deductions and reservations in account, with the result that the total net indebtedness is brought down to 440,000,000dol. gold (about £90,000,000), which, he contends, ought not to be regarded as excessive for a country possessing the revenue and natural resources enjoyed by Argentina. Neither should it be if the Government of the country were not so corrupt as on all hands it is said to be. But the genius of self-government does not rest with any other people than those of the Anglo-Saxon race.

The "Financial Times" of March 5, says it was reported on good authority that the German Government had entered into preliminary negotiations with the Seehandlungs Syndicate with a view to the flotation of a new Imperial loan. The proposed loan was understood to take the form of a new 3 per cent. issue, and it was calculated that it would amount to no less than 300,000,000 marks, or £15,000,000 sterling. Certain denials of the report had been circulated, but it was considered that these did not affect the accuracy of the statement that a large loan was contemplated, and that, too, at a relatively low price of issue, in order to ensure successful flotation. The object of the loan had not yet been disclosed, but it was thought possible that it might have an important connection with the proposal to make a large increase in the German navy.

As we learn from a Reuter's message, the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce had addressed a petition to the Reichstag, in which reference is made to the great injuries threatened by the decisions of the meat inspection committee, not only to importers, shipowners, and small traders. "The interests of the whole oversea trade of Germany and of the whole mercantile marine," continue the petitioners, "are at stake. The coming into force of the commercial treaty with America renders retaliatory measures more difficult, and a tariff war is to be expected, with destructive effects for the German shipping trade. Retaliation measures also threaten from Australia, through England, and from South America. Moreover, the injury to the poorer classes will more than counterbalance all the benefits of social legislation, and hitherto nothing has been known of the supposed unwholesome properties of foreign meat. Therefore the petitioners beg for the rejection of the committee's decisions by the full Reichstag."

The Bank of New Zealand will open at its new premises, Equitable-building, to-morrow (Tuesday).

A report advocating the establishment of a line of cargo steamers between Australia and Northern France has just been published by the French Chamber of Commerce in Sydney. It points out that the exports from Australia to France have averaged in late years 200,000 bales of wool per annum, out of which the port of Sydney alone contributed 115,000 bales. Sheepskins to the amount of about 11,000 bales are also shipped yearly from Sydney, while the exports in hides, tallow, horns and bones, &c., are likewise very important. Altogether, French exports from N.S.W. only have within the last 12 months exceeded two millions sterling. The actual French mailboat service is inadequate, the report holds, for such a large export trade, both as to accommodation and rates of freight, and most of the French purchases are shipped by the German or foreign lines. The chamber believes that, should a French line of cargo boats be established between Australia and France, a very considerable increase of purchases on French account would undoubtedly follow, through lower freights and the saving of expenses of transhipment and of special French duties which are imposed upon some raw materials when brought to France by foreign vessels. The commission of inquiry appointed by the chamber has collected and publishes the opinions of a number of leading firms in Sydney, most of which are favourable to the creation of the new line. Of course, French staple products are also expected to obtain thereby a better footing in New South Wales. As will be seen from the latest official figures, France is a much better customer for New South Wales than New South Wales for France:—

Exportations from N.S.W. to France, 1899	£2,127,461
Exportations from N.S.W. to France, 1898	1,699,629
Increase	£427,832
Importations of N.S.W. from France, 1899	£253,166
Importations of N.S.W. from France, 1898	211,550
Increase	£41,616

These official statistics, according to the information of the French Chamber of Commerce, represent only a portion of the real commercial transactions between New South Wales and France, the origin of imports and destination of exports being too often wrongly deduced from the nationality of the loading vessel or port of shipment. The chamber is calling the attention of the Government of New South Wales to this question in order to obtain, if possible, more accurate figures in future. However, the Franco-Australian interchange shows in 1899 a substantial increase of over £470,000 compared to 1898, which is regarded as strengthening the conclusions of the chamber as to the mutual advantage which would result to both countries from increased freight facilities and direct communication for imports and exports. M. Biard d'Aunet, Consul-General for France, has forwarded the report to the French Government, and has, further, consented to express the wishes of the chamber at the congress of the merchant navy service to be held in Paris during the Exhibition, and also before the French Superior Council of Trade.

At its last meeting the committee initiated a list of experts and arbitrators, representing various lines of business and nationalities, to facilitate the amicable and inexpensive settlement of commercial litigation.

IMPORT MARKET.

Owing to the continuance of the holidays business was at a stand-still. To-morrow, Tuesday, will, however, see a resumption of trade. The following additional clearances have been reported from New York for Sydney. The chief lines in their manifests are here given:—

Steamer Tolosa.—Sailed March 2, with 20 kegs nails, 100 cases slates, and a general cargo.

Steamer Melbourne.—Sailed March 8, with 239 packages axes, &c., 300 cases benzine, 1000 reels barbed wire, 1000 sacks cracked corn, 920 sacks cornflour, 96 packages dried fruits, 30 packages dried fish, 224 sacks flour, 96 barrels and 150 cases lubricating oil, 351 packages nails, 268 bundles plain wire, 368 packages pipe, 50 barrels rosin, 100 cases turps, 51 packages tartaric acid, and 843 cases wax.

The San Francisco mail brought the following details of the market for American merchandise, taken from the "Exporters and Importers' Journal," under date New York, March 17:—

Turpentine.—The market within the last week was somewhat weaker, and we thought possibly the very high prices which have been ruling latterly would be a thing of the past. Two days ago, however, brought forth many inquiries, and the market has resumed its old strength, with every chance of higher prices ruling.

Rosins.—All grades have shown decided strength, very largely due to sympathy with spirits of turpentine.

Cotton Seed Oil.—Within the past month the market has shown a temporary decline. It lasted but a short time, and was principally caused by resales by speculators of contract oil, of which delivery had been forced upon them, and they were obliged to either store the oil or sell below the market. Having a profit in sight, they preferred to do the latter, with the result that it caused an easier feeling during the middle part of last week. Since the opening of the week, prices have taken an upward turn, and it looks now as though we would expect to see higher prices ruling during the balance of the season, more particularly as most of the crushing mills are now closing down, and the visible supply of oil in sight is becoming much smaller.

Hides and Leather.—During the past month there has been a further slight decline in cost of hides which has to some extent induced shoe manufacturers to delay placing orders for leather. The leather market itself, however, remains practically unchanged, and we do not look for any decided weakening in prices unless hides should decline very materially, as leather has all along been selling at extremely low figures considering costs of the raw material.

Metals.—There is no weakness whatever in the situation, and although some lower prices are made one week than another in this line or the other, yet the strength of the market is thoroughly maintained, and will probably continue to be so. Pig-iron is still continuing to bring very good prices, and no less an authority than Mr. Andrew Carnegie considers that the present figures will remain in force for the remainder of the year, with only slight variations up or down.

Cotton.—The trend of the market is still upward. It has taken some time to feel the effect of the heavy demand, as the crops of one and two years ago were so much heavier than was required. Although this year's crop is holding its own with the records of past seasons, yet cotton is so largely and promptly wanted that it is quite natural that prices should be taking the course they are. It is only surprising to us that the higher prices have not been ruling before. All talk of reducing the crop area has of course been given up, and preparations for the next crop are progressing on a very large scale. It is reported that sales of fertiliser are beyond all precedent.

EXPORT MARKET.

Frozen Lamb Trade.—The export of frozen lambs is a growing industry in South Australia. The "Register" says: "The steamer Warrnambool left Port Adelaide for London on Tuesday. From the former port she carries 1570 carcases of lamb, which represents the last shipment of the season, which has been somewhat longer than the previous one. The first shipment was made last September, and the final one on the last day of January; while this season began in August and has just closed. The despatches this season have been much larger than those of last season. During last season only seven steamers took away lambs, and the largest consignment sent in any one vessel was 8881 carcases. This season lambs have been carried by 11 steamers, and the largest shipment was 15,191 carcases. The Warrnambool's lot brings the grand total to 75,027 carcases, which, compared with 37,983 carcases last season, shows an increase of 37,044 carcases."

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

LAUNCESTON, Monday.

Potatoes are quoted at 42s 6d a ton.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

LAUNCESTON, Monday.

The steamer Easby left Devonport for Sydney direct on Saturday night with a cargo of 7353 bags potatoes, 545 bags turnips, 31 bags peas, 64 bales straw.

The Kittawa also sailed with a cargo of 11,095 bags potatoes, 340 bags turnips, 100 bags oats, 65 bags peas, 385 bags chaff.

DAIRY NEWS.

ULMARRA, Monday.

Suppliers of milk to the local factory were paid 3 1-16d on 3·6 test.

COUNTRY NEWS.

CARCOAR, Monday.

The season is considered to be the best for many years.

DUBBO, Monday.

Thomas Murphy was found guilty at the Circuit Court on Saturday of inflicting grievous bodily harm on Michael Madden, and sentenced to two years' imprisonment. The Court adjourned to Tuesday.

FORSTER, Monday.

The launch of a new vessel built for Mr. Allan Taylor, of Sydney, was successfully accomplished to-day by Mr. Harry Miles, jun., of Forster. The keel was laid in October last, and the vessel is built of hardwood with kauri decking. She is 105ft. long, 24ft. beam, 7ft. depth of hold. The vessel is to be engined in Sydney by Messrs. Chapman and Co., and is intended for the coastal trade. As the vessel left the ways she was named The Wootton by Miss Alice Dun, niece of the builder. A large gathering of spectators was present.

GRETA, Monday.

The colliery worked 10 days last pay, and there are prospects of continuous work for some time to come.

KIANDRA, Monday.

A number of fine rainbow trout have been seen in the upper portion of the Eucumbene River.

LISMORE, Monday.

A number of bush fires occurred yesterday and today, and a considerable area of grass has been burnt.

MILTON, Monday.

At the Star of the Sea Church yesterday, after morning mass, the Rev. Father Baugh, on behalf of the Roman Catholics of the district, presented Mr. J. I. Hackett, post and telegraph master, who is leaving for Nyngan, with a purse of sovereigns as a souvenir of the respect and esteem in which he was held by the congregation.

The Rev. G. A. Reeve, the newly-appointed minister of the Wesleyan circuit, conducted services yesterday.

ORANGE, Monday.

A fencer named Horn, at Keenan's Bridge, near Amaroo, was bitten by a tiger snake on Thursday. He was engaged felling a sapling, which fell on him, and in putting out his hand to save himself was bitten by the snake. Horn was removed to the hospital.

PENRITH, Monday.

One of the most interesting municipal elections held here for many years was that held on Friday to fill the vacancy in the Penrith Council caused by the resignation of Alderman L. Litton. There were two candidates—David Hendrew and William Perritt. Only 90 votes were recorded, each polling 45. The Mayor gave his casting vote to Mr. Perritt. About 20 years ago in Penrith there were three ties. There were four candidates. T. Smith polled about 140, M. Long, C. Evans, and A. Colless polling each about 130. The then returning officer, Mr. J. M'Carthy, gave his casting vote for Mr. Long and Mr. Evans. All the parties are still living except Mr. T. Smith, Mr. Long still occupying a seat in the council.

TAREE, Monday.

It is estimated that there will be less than half the average crop of maize throughout the district this season.

WALGETT, Monday.

Mr. W. D. Peterkin, accountant at the Australian Joint Stock Bank here, has just received notice of his promotion as manager to the Brewarrina branch. He will be succeeded here by Mr. A. N. Smith, ledger-keeper at Wickham.

Great regret was expressed here on receipt of the news of the death at Moree of Mr. A. E. Roberts, who was killed by lightning. He was well known and highly esteemed.

GOLF.

ROYAL SYDNEY GOLF CLUB.

The members of the Royal Sydney Golf Club held a medal match at Bondi yesterday. The scores were long owing to the high wind. The best gross score for the round was Mr. L. Dobbins' 89. The results were:—

	Handicap.	Morning.	Afternoon.	Total.
E. P. Simpson	3	87	89	176
L. Dobbin	5	84	95	179
S. E. Laidley	8	95	84	179
A. Hunt	6	90	89	179
A. E. Nott	8	102	84	186
J. O. Fairfax	8	85	101	186
H. C. Piper	8	90	96	186

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

LAND AND HOUSES.

BATT, RODD, and PURVES.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, Houses and Land.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

H. HARRIS and CO.—At their Mart, at 11, Groceries, Oilmen's Stores, Wines, Spirits, Beers, &c.; at 2.30, Furniture, &c.

H. LEVY.—At 135 Regent street, at 2, Clothing, &c.

BANNARD and CO.—At 11 Clarence-street, at 10, Furniture, Linoleum, &c.

J. B. OWN and CO.—At 37 Broadway, Glebe, at 2.30, Furniture, Piano, &c.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At Hay and George streets, at 2, Clothing, Furniture, &c.

J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 10.30, Clothing, Boots, &c.; at 11.30, Jewellery, &c.; on the premises, 74 Castlereagh-street, at 2, Jewellery, Gold and Silver Watches, &c.

A. MITCHELL.—At Ruthven-street, Waverley, at 10.30, Furniture, &c.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

GOLDSBROUGH, MORT, and CO.—At 2.30, Bark.

EXHIBITION STOCK SALES.

HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN.—At the Show Grounds, Pigs.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At the Show Grounds, at 10.30, Horses.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Show Grounds, at 10.30, Horses; at 9.30, Pigs.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

T. S. CLIBBORN.—At Payten's Newmarket Stables, Randwick, at 1, Yearlings.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30 and 11.30, Horses, Vehicles, &c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G. F. BAINES.—At the rear of 285 Abercrombie-street, Redfern, at 11, Building Materials.

Robert Little and Co.—Hay, Chaff, Produce Auctions, Redfern, daily. Highest prices, immediate returns.—Advt.

S. B. BOND, 86 Sussex-street, Auctioneer and General Produce Salesman. Auction Sales daily at Redfern.—Advt.

R. HALL and SON, Auctioneers and General Produce Merchants. Sales at Redfern daily. Highest prices.—Advt.

SHEPPARD, HARVEY, and WALKER, 153 Sussex-street. Sales Hay, Straw, Chaff, Redfern daily.—Advt.

"York Castle brand of mild-cured Bacon. Cured by English experts. Flavour delicious." Denham Bros.—Advt.

HEATON BROS., Produce Auctioneers, established 33 years. Sales at Redfern every day. Highest prices, prompt returns.—Advt.

Foley Brothers, Limited, Sussex-st.—Creamery Butter; Waratah, Crookwell, Candelo, Central, Kameruka Cheese.—Advt.

THE EASTER MILITARY TRAINING.

THE REVIEW IN CENTENNIAL PARK.

AN IMPOSING SPECTACLE.

NEARLY 5000 TROOPS ON PARADE.

Owing to the excitement caused by local preparations for war and reports of the ups and downs experienced by our forces in South Africa, quite a military afflatus has possession of the community. Under this influence thousands of people found their way to Centennial Park yesterday afternoon, who otherwise would, no doubt, have sought refuge in their own or their friends houses from the bleak gale that was blowing. For review purposes no rendezvous around Sydney could be more suitable. From almost any standpoint upon its boundaries the great reserve dips in front of one like a vast green basin, diversified internally with numerous prettily turned hillocks, clumps of timber, and, towards the centre, fantastically shaped ornamental lakes with surfaces of burnished silver, whilst all the remaining area is occupied by sweeps and hollows of grassy lawn, through which asphalted carriage ways meander. One of the largest of these depressions had been chosen for the parade ground. Soon after 3 o'clock the trampling and the hum of soldiery on the move, accompanied by snatches of band music, were heard in the park, and then the pageant commenced. Regiment after regiment marched on to the ground from unexpected directions. The public, having been advised that the function would be commenced at 4, was taken rather at a disadvantage, being by no means well represented either on the line of march—which was strategical in some cases, to "avoid the crush"—or at the place of assembly; but towards the appointed time immense crowds of overcoated men and muscled women and girls hurried to the spot, and seized the "kopjes," which commanded the widest range of vision. From Queen-street, Paddington, the invasion of sightseers was most considerable. The parade ground was marked out by white flags. A number of police were in attendance to keep the people out of the review arena, and very soon there was a crowd 10 deep fencing in the soldiers over an oblong tract of country three-quarters of a mile long by about 300 yards wide. These were backed again by ranks of vehicles of various kinds loaded with watchers.

For some time before the manoeuvres commenced the bands played patriotic tunes of the type which were not quite new, although in fashion in the year of the battle of Waterloo. "The Absent-minded Beggar March," which quite hits popular modern taste and seems to be identified with the progress of latterday warfare, was strangely omitted from the programme. However, the music was, at least, well played, and sufficiently martial to fit the occasion. Major-General French, the chief officer at the review, was attended by Colonel H. D. Mackenzie, A.A.G., Colonel Taunton, Major Boam, Captain Purves (Lancers), and Lieutenant Griffiths as A.D.C. The infantry troops took up positions in line of quarter column, drill order, facing north. The cavalry, which was posted easterly, was in squadron columns. One could not fail to realise, on glancing at the parade as a whole when the men of all arms stood at attention, what a creditable well-appointed muster there was, notwithstanding the fact that over 1800 New South Wales soldiers, perfectly equipped, have already gone away to the war. The General and his staff rode along the lines and inspected the men, after which he and his officers took up a position selected as the saluting point, beneath a tall flagpole on which waved the Union Jack. Here were gathered the Premier (Mr. W. J. Lyne), the Minister for Defence (Mr. J. See), Mr. Wood (Minister for Justice), and Colonel Roberts, C.M.G. (Military Secretary). When the order was soon afterwards given to march, there was simultaneously a smart move forward. The Parramatta Lancers' Band, all mounted on grey horses, led, playing robustly, yet the gale was so strong that the spectators drawn up in lines on the opposite side of the ground could not hear a note of their melody. Several ranks of the Parramatta Squadron of Lancers followed, holding their flagged lances high overhead. Behind them were some scores of Lancer recruits without arms, and a strong rear guard of armed Lancers, the whole being commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Burns. The Lancers looked very dashing; but their appearance was detracted from through some of the trainees being mounted on white and grey horses, which were not uniform with the animals ridden by the other members of the contingent. After the Lancers had passed on, the mounted Imperial Bushmen's Contingent, 511 strong, under Colonel Mackay, came along. They rode in six squadrons. So far as possible the horses were classified in colour according to squadrons. The bays, browns, blacks, and chestnuts were all kept together, creating an excellent effect; but the classification having given out, the mounts of the rear squadron were miscellaneous. It must have struck everyone that the hard drill administered to the Bushmen has turned them into most admirably well-set-up soldiers. Throughout their ride past they were greeted with volleys of cheers from the public. A body of the partially-paid Field Artillery B and C Battery succeeded the bushmen on foot. Their marching appearance was highly creditable. The R.A.A. Garrison and Band and the N.S.W. Artillery 3, 4, and 6 Companies then appeared, sloping their bayonets with absolute precision, and imparting a thrill to those of the onlookers who remembered that these were the murderous dagger-like weapons which have been ordered into play on dark nights amongst the Boers, when commanding officers have called out fiercely, "Forward, boys, and give them the cold steel." The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Regiments passed in the order mentioned, all looking gallant and fit under the command respectively of Lieutenant-Colonel Olderhaw, Lieutenant-Colonel Waddell, Colonel Hoborow, C.M.G., Lieutenant-Colonel Campbell, Major Passmore, Lieutenant-Colonel Neild, and Captain Freehill. The National Guard, with Sir George Dibbs pacing alongside, followed the 8th Regiment. Then came the Army Service Corps in charge of Captain Selwyn Smith, the Army Medical Corps under Lieutenant Hall, and the Naval Brigade men and Naval Artillery Volunteers as one body, with combined bands, under the command of Captain Hixson, R.N., officer commanding the New South Wales naval forces.

The march past was followed by what appeared to the public to be eccentric movements on the part of the mounted men, who wheeled and swooped around the hills as though making a reconnaissance of a concealed enemy. These were cavalry flourishes intended to impress the public with the mobility of the Imperial Bushmen's Contingent, and they left everyone at gaze, especially some unfortunates who were a little in the way, quite satisfied that they will do us credit in active service. The dismounted regiments marched off the field with bands playing. Some were dismissed at suitable localities away from the crowd; others were marched to their quarters. The whole affair was over by about 5 o'clock.

THE PARADE STATE.

The general inspection yesterday afternoon was a comprehensive one, embracing the metropolitan regiments and several country corps, as well as large detachments from the Imperial Bushmen's Contingent. The total number of officers and men on parade was 4755, but whilst it was interesting in many ways from a spectacular point of view, it was not so entertaining to the general public as the Queen's Birthday review, owing to the absence of the feu-de-joie by the infantry, the general salute from the field artillery, and the concluding movements incidental to the big annual review. The parade state, however, was larger than that of May 24 last by 1332 officers and men, due principally to the temporary presence of 733 soldiers from the Bushmen's and third contingents and the large number of recruits who have been enrolled lately in the volunteer regiments.

Owing to the war in South Africa, and the number of staff officers who were at present engaged there, the usual Easter encampment has not been held this year, and yesterday's inspection was ordered as the best that could be done under the circumstances. The General was well pleased with the whole turnout, and more particularly at the splendid attendance. "We have yet some 7000 soldiers in the colony," he informed the Premier at the saluting base, "so that there are plenty left. To-day there are 4755 men on parade." The following are the details of the parade state:—

Regiment or Corps.	Officers.	N.C.Os. and Men.	Total.
Headquarters Staff	7	5	12
N.S.W. Lancers	7	323	330
Imperial Bushmen	32	479	511
N.S.W. Field Artillery, B and C Batteries	4	80	84
Royal Australian Artillery	6	134	140
N.S.W. Garrison Artillery, Nos. 3, 4, and 5 Companies	5	157	162
Engineers, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 Companies	15	187	202
1st Infantry Regiment	17	347	364
2nd Infantry Regiment	24	391	415
3rd Infantry Regiment	18	250	268
5th Regt. (Scottish Rifles)	15	329	344
6th Regt. (Australian Rifles)	18	314	332
7th Regt. (St. George's Rifles)	14	358	372
8th Regt. (Irish Rifles)	8	347	355
National Guard	5	113	118
Third Contingent	5	217	222
Army Service Corps	4	81	85
Army Medical Corps	5	48	53
Naval Forces	27	359	386
Grand total	236	4,519	4,755

THE MARCH PAST.

A few minutes before 4 p.m. the whole force had been drawn up facing the saluting post in a long line of quarter-column, extending over half a mile, and presented an imposing spectacle. The cavalry was posted at the Waverley end of the park, then followed the artillery, the engineers, and the infantry and the naval forces in succession. Punctually at 4 o'clock Major-General French, accompanied by his staff, commenced his inspection, carefully reviewing the different regiments as he passed along from left to right. The men stood to attention, and the R.A.A. band meanwhile played "In the Garb of Old Gaul."

The G.O.C. having taken up a position alongside the saluting base the march past commenced, each body of men saluting as it passed. First came the Lancers, under Lieutenant-Colonel James Burns, with their mounted band. They made a good show, considering that many were raw recruits and attired in civilian garb. The Imperial Bushmen, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Mackay followed. The men were dressed in their field service khaki uniforms and caps, and wore their bandoliers. They maintained splendid order, each of the six squadrons at the correct distance, and were greeted with continuous cheering right down the field. The allotment of similar colours of horses to the different squadrons added to the appearance of the contingent considerably. The R.A.A. band, which had massed opposite the saluting point, played them past to the air of "Advance Australia."

The various branches of the artillery under Majors Baynes and Wells paraded dismounted for the occasion, and succeeding them were the Engineers (four companies) under Major Lee. The infantry brigade was led by the Third Contingent, which was attached to the 1st Regiment for the day. Their commanding officer was Captain Niesigh, and the men, who were recognised by their khaki-coloured helmets, created a very favourable impression by their steady marching and soldierly demeanour. The 1st Regiment, consisting of A, B, C, and D (headquarters), E (North Sydney), and K (Hunter's Hill) companies, headed by their band, playing "Garryowen," followed in good order. The 2nd Regiment was represented by A, B, C, D, E, G, and J companies. Their band marched the men down to the tune of the Huntsman's Chorus." There were six companies present of the 3rd Regiment, with band.

The oldest of the purely volunteer regiments—the Scottish Rifles—in brown field service jackets, kilts, white helmets, and spats, made a gallant display, and as the pipers skirled out the regimental air, "Highland Laddie," the crowds cheered vociferously. The newly formed Maclean company, as well as the Newcastle corps, were included, and the former contained many men of giant build, worthy of their ancestral stock. Bearing in mind that the Highlanders and the Australian Rifles, who followed, had been engaged in a sham fight at Hornsby in the early hours of the morning, their march past was a credit to them.

The St. George's Rifles, under Lieutenant-Colonel Neild, made the common error incidental to infantry of getting into too close formation, the result being that at the critical moment several companies jammed and threw the men into slight disorder. They quickly recovered.

Captain F. B. Freehill led the Irish Regiment, which included the Kogarah-Hurstville Company, distinguished from the headquarter companies by red facings in lieu of the emerald green. Their band rendered "Rory O'More;" and the National Guard band, which heralded the approach of Sir George Dibbs's corps of veterans, the Army Service Corps, and the Army Medical Corps (the latter seriously diminished by the war), struck up "Soldiers of the Queen."

The Naval Artillery Volunteers and Naval Brigade concluded the march past. They came along at their popular swinging gait to the band accompaniment of "A Life on the Ocean Wave," and made a fitting finale to the proceedings. The Lancers and Bushmen added a canter past, which pleased the crowd. The former kept time well to the music, and so did the first half of the Bushmen. The R.A.A. Band was playing "Bonnie Dundee," but not quick enough for the black horses of D Squadron. The leading sections broke into a gallop and others followed suit, creating a mild diversion. The civilian leader, Captain Brown of F squadron, had his men under control, however, and the canter terminated peaceably. The whole parade occupied 50 minutes. The different regiments immediately marched off to their private parades, and the men were dismissed. The enclosure at the saluting base was guarded by a posse of police and cadets attached to the 1st Regiment under Lieutenant Green, Reserve of Officers.

THE ARTILLERY AT THE HEADS.

INSPECTION BY MAJOR-GENERAL FRENCH.

Yesterday saw the termination of the nine days continuous training of the Artillery encamped at South and Middle Heads. At South Head, beyond an early morning parade and general clearing up, little was done beyond preparing to strike camp. About 1 p.m. No. 3 Company, under the command of Major Wigram and officers, left the scene of the encampment by special steamer for Sydney. Upon arrival the company proceeded to the Centennial Park to take part in the review.

At Middle Head an early parade was held, after which the men of No. 6 (Wollongong-Bulli) and No. 4 (Sydney) companies were marched down to the gun pits to await inspection by the G.O.C. About 10.15 a.m. Major-General French, accompanied by Lieutenant Griffiths, R.A.A., arrived in the steam launch Nea, and were met by Major Baines (O.C.), Captain A. H. Sandford (staff captain and chief instructor), Major Lester (O.C. No. 4 Company), Captain Robertson (O.C. No. 6 Company), Captain Morris, and other officers. The party, without loss of time, proceeded to the gun pits, where firing detachments of both companies were found awaiting inspection. A most interesting series of gun drills was then performed. The first pit visited was that of the 25-ton M.L. gun battery, at No. 1 of which a squad of men belonging to No. 4 Company were put through a satisfactory drill, the huge piece of ordnance being cleverly managed, laid, and dummy discharged. A detachment of No. 6 Company was put through a similar drill at No. 2 gun. The General then visited the 80th battery, consisting of four guns, at each of which were the necessary squads from No. 6 Company. The drill, which was creditably performed, included individual group salvo, and battery salvo firing. The next visit was to the 6in. B.L. disappearing guns, one of each being worked by members of No. 4 and No. 6 Companies. The entire work was performed with a rapidity and precision indicating careful training on the part of the officers. Major-General French expressed himself as satisfied with the manner in which the drills were performed. A visit having been paid to the firing station and an inspection made of the charts and instruments, the formal proceedings terminated. Camp was struck about 1.30 p.m., and the return to Sydney made by special steamer, the companies subsequently taking part in the review of troops in Centennial Park.

The Submarine Miners encamped at Chowder Bay will continue under canvas for a period of 17 days. The work already done is apparent in the manner in which the duties of the men are performed. Yesterday was an off day, with parades and infantry drill preparatory to embarkation at 2.30 p.m. for Sydney, thence to Centennial Park, to take part in the general review of the forces.

THE SCOTTISH RIFLES IN CAMP.

YESTERDAY'S SHAM FIGHT.

The regimental camp arranged by the 5th Regiment (Scottish Rifles) in the neighbourhood of Rhodes, Parramatta River, terminated yesterday morning. The four days' training consisted of solid hard work, and was entered into with enthusiasm by the men. When it was over nearly everyone was tired out, many having had little sleep. The camp was pitched on the preceding Saturday in a beautiful grassy paddock about half a mile from Rhodes railway station and adjacent to the Walker Convalescent Hospital, Parramatta River. The three headquarter's companies paraded on Thursday night at Chancery-square, and marched to their destination by road, where they were joined in the morning by D Company, from Newcastle, and the detachment from the Clarence River.

The regiment was under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel G. R. Campbell, with Major W. Robertson second in command. A Company had 60 men in camp under Lieutenant Ross, B Company 57 men under Captain Wilson, C Company 65 men under Captain M'Hardy, D Company 60 men under Captain Grant, and E Company (Maclean), 49 men under Lieutenant Mackay, making a total strength, with staff officers, of 329.

On Friday morning early A Company was engaged in fatigue duties, while the remainder was put through bayonet and other drill. In the forenoon company drill was held under the staff-sergeants, and in the afternoon the attack formation was performed.

The second day, Saturday, was one of a useful and instructive character. It was supposed that an enemy was moving on Sydney and had halted at Newington. The Scottish Rifles marched out to Flemington and after dinner an attack on the enemy was arranged near the meat works. D Company constituted the enemy, and E Company made a feint attack from Haslem Creek, whilst A, B, and C Companies, under Major Robertson, moved further round and assaulted the position of the enemy from the direction of Auburn. The attack was well carried out, blank cartridges being freely used, and was supposed to have succeeded.

D Company carefully secured all the boats at the creek and moored them to the bank on their side, but the enemy was not sharp enough, for one of the scouts managed by means of a little ingenuity to recover one, enabling the scouts to cross and ascertain the enemy's position.

After a return to camp and tea over the men turned in, but only to be aroused at 10.30 p.m. by a night alarm. After hastily rushing to the places assigned to them they were allowed finally to retire to rest.

On Sunday morning the regiment struck camp at 8 o'clock, and an hour later they were paraded for church, the service being conducted by the Rev. Scott West (Burwood) at the hospital. At 10.30 a.m. Major-General French, accompanied by Colonel Mackenzie, A.A.G., appeared on the scene and examined the lines, the companies standing in front of their piled arms. The G.O.C. was well satisfied, and expressed himself thus.

Dinner was partaken of at 11.15 a.m., and the regiment paraded at 12.15 p.m. for a route march of 10 or 12 miles to Thornleigh. Six vehicles of the A.S. Corps contained the camp equipment and stores, and a water cart also accompanied the men, who proceeded via Ryde and Carlingford.

The regiment bivouacked in a large open field at 6 p.m. in the vicinity of the Thornleigh railway station, and after tea large fires were lighted, as the night had turned very cold. The men slept in the open wrapped up in their blankets, and experienced a little of the glory of the soldier's life with a strong, freezing westerly raging. It was arranged that after midnight war should be declared against the Australian Rifles camped beyond Hornsby, and consequently A Company of the Scottish was ordered out shortly before this hour for outpost duty. Sufficient to say they passed a disagreeable night, stumbling about in the rough country and glad to see the first streaks of daylight.

No alarm being raised the regiment paraded at 6 a.m. yesterday, when E Company was sent out in the direction of Pearce's Corner for the purpose of making a feint attack on the enemy (Australian Rifles), who was supposed to have taken up a strong position near Turramurra and covering the Lane Cove-road to Pymble.

The remaining companies then marched across the wild and rugged country for some four miles to Brown's farm, the men in their kilts getting their knees and legs badly scratched from the thick undergrowth. Here a frontal attack on the main position of the enemy was conceived, and successfully carried out with what would have been disastrous results in active warfare to the Australian Rifles. The scouts came back at this point, it being about 11 a.m., with the intelligence that one of them had seen one of the enemy's sentries being relieved, thus locating their position. The country being heavily timbered, an advance was ordered, but the simple precaution was taken to make each man carry his white helmet in his hand, so that the enemy would not observe the sea of heads approaching so readily. The strategy succeeded, as the Scottish managed to get within 100 yards of the enemy's line before the alarm was raised. Whether the sentry was asleep is not known. The order to "charge" was given, and in a couple of minutes the position was captured without a shot being fired. The surprise was complete, and whilst most gratifying to the Scottish, bewildering and discomfiting in its suddenness to the Australian Rifles. The charge was directed by Lieutenant-Colonel Campbell, and was made in four lines, no bayonets being fixed. A few independent volleys was the enemy's sole response. It is only fair to add, however, that the Australian Rifles scored a slight success by the capture of three or four of E Company's scouts. This company had to retire, as it was not powerful enough to force the enemy back. No casualties were reported, and the men acquitted themselves splendidly, considering the arduous work of the day preceding and the number of recruits in camp. Train was taken to Sydney early in the afternoon, when the regiment joined in the general inspection at the Centennial Park, showing little signs of their hard drilling.

THE LANCER CADETS AT ENFIELD.

The success of the Lancer Cadet movement in the western suburbs has been assured. The young men and lads who have taken the matter up have displayed considerable zeal and attention in the matter of drill and parades. New regimental saddlecloths were purchased through the agency of a concert held locally. The appointment of officers (non-commissioned) is as follows:—Sergeant-major, F. Green; sergeants, R. Mackellar, A. Arnold, S. Foord; lance-sergeants, M. Thompson, J. Adams; corporals, H. Murray, C. Morgan; bugler, E. Sanders. Bridles have also been secured for the company, and they now present a thoroughly neat military aspect. The riding of many of the cadets is extremely good.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

The Sydney Stock Exchange being closed for the Easter holidays, there are no transactions to report.

During the past week the plant of the B.H. Proprietary Block 10 Company, Limited, treated 2953 tons of crude ore, producing 474 tons of concentrates.

At the North Long Tunnel, Walhalla, during the week ending the 11th instant, the 2500ft. north level reached a total of 56ft. The reef is 2½ft. thick, consisting of pug and three inches of laminated stone, heavily mineralised. The 500ft. level crosscut has reached 290ft. Strata, slate, elvan, and large quartz leaders, trending very flat to the west.

All the stopes in the South Star mine, Sebastopol, last week were supplying a good quantity of fair quality stone.

Work done during the week ended the 7th instant by the Sulphide Corporation, Limited, was as follows:—Central mine, Broken Hill: Ore milled, 3784 tons; concentrates produced, 774 tons; containing silver, 30·5oz. per ton; lead, 64·1 per cent.; zinc, 10·1 per cent. Cockle Creek works: Bullion produced, 161 tons, containing 10·58oz. silver and 617oz. gold.

The B H. Junction North Mining Company, for the week ended the 11th instant treated 925 tons of crudes, producing 169 tons of concentrates, assaying 60 per cent. lead, 29oz. silver, and 7 per cent. zinc. There were 21 hours' stoppages.

During the week ending the 9th instant the Mount Farrell Mining Company's drive north from the shaft reached a total distance of 12ft. There is galena from side to side of the drive in veins and bunches. Have had eight bags of good ore picked out, and about one ton of good seconds. The metal bearing is very soft and breaks up small. With the shoots it could all be saved with a jig later on.

On the 15th instant the shaft of the Mount Morgan Consolidated mine, Queensland, had reached a depth of 215ft. in mineralised dyke country; timbered to 209ft.; sinking had been through very hard heady diorite, but appeared to be getting a little softer. Machinery and appliances working well.

ARALUEN, Monday.

The Araluen Proprietary gave its dredging machinery a trial run to-day. Mr. Tulloch's dredge is in full work, giving favourable returns. Mr. Perry's dredge has started again after repairing the machinery.

BROKEN HILL, Monday.

The British Broken mill during the past fortnight treated 4650 tons of crude sulphides yielding 625 tons of concentrates, bulking 62·5 per cent. lead, 27oz. silver, 9 per cent. zinc; also 258 tons of second-grade product, assaying 51·5 per cent. lead, 26oz. silver, 11 per cent. zinc. The small additional plant for treating by-products should be ready for active service within a few days. The productive stopes in both sections of the main workings are looking satisfactory. The week's average assays were 11 5oz. silver, 17 per cent. lead, 17½ per cent. zinc. Some timbering has yet to be done in Blackwood's main shaft before the chamber and cistern plats are excavated in the 600ft. level. Both the west cross-cuts in Thompson's 100ft. and 200ft. levels are carrying hard sulphides.

B.H. Block 14 plant last week treated 2542 tons crudes, yielding 699 tons of concentrates and quantities of good silver and lead contents. The week's despatches to the works at Port Adelaide aggregated 1127 tons consisting of 208 tons of crude carbonates and 919 tons of mill products. The productive workings from the 500ft. level upwards are presenting the usual healthy features, and readily responding to the mill requirements. Exploratory work, which is proceeding at the 200ft., 300ft., 400ft., and 500ft. levels, is without any thing of particular interest.

At the B. H. South mine preparations are being made for the erection of three Wilfley tables. The productive workings from the 800ft. level upwards are looking as satisfactory as ever. The week's average assay of crude sulphides broken was 22 per cent. lead, 9·2oz. silver, 19·3 per cent. zinc. The 800ft. level north drive is carrying a full face of clean, compact, payable ore.

DELEGATE, Monday.

The Bonanza mine is being opened up in a systematic manner. A winze is being sunk from the upper level to break through to a rise from the lower level for ventilation purposes. The lower level is also being pushed ahead. The erection of the battery is nearing completion. The reef is stated to be rich, and the company has a quantity of ore bagged awaiting completion of the battery. The South Bonanza party has done a large amount of stoping above the level, and is breaking rich stone. A parcel of 12 tons of stone taken from part of the forfeited lease north of and adjoining the Roaring Camp, by Hobbs and party, yielded over 1oz. of gold to the ton. This lease was lying idle for some time before being forfeited. The syndicate working Mead and party's old claim at Brown's Camp has at last succeeded in cutting the reef. The old shaft had fallen in prior to the syndicate commencing operations, and some difficulty has been experienced in locating the reef, but numbers of specimens have been obtained, all of which are thickly impregnated with gold. This property while under its former owners was worked in a very primitive manner, but always gave handsome returns. Under the new proprietorship it will be properly developed. Messrs. M'Donald and Smith were the successful tenderers for sinking the shaft at the Federal a further 100ft.

GRENFELL, Monday.

At the Warraderry goldfield Kelly and party No. 1 North of the prospectors have washed 25 loads of dirt, yielding 6oz. 11dwt. of gold.

HILLGROVE, Monday.

At the Hillgrove Proprietary Mines, Limited, the drive from the Cooney tunnel has been extended to 39ft. The shaft has been timbered to a depth of 257ft., and sinking was started again yesterday.

The Baker's Creek G.M. Company's battery cleaned up on the 13th instant for a return of 230oz. smelted gold from 522 tons of ore crushed, of which 402 tons were from Smith's reef and 120 tons from the Big Reef. The battery crushed full time. On Smith's reef, at No. 13 level, driving to cut the reef is being actively carried on. At No. 7 level fair progress is being made driving north on the reef which, in the face is 8in. wide, and carries payable gold. The winze from No. 12 to No. 13 level is on 9in. of payable quartz. The stopes throughout on both reefs are at present on poor ore.

Baker's Creek Consols G. M. Company's battery is crushing full time and power. The usual stoping is going on, the stone coming to hand being of a payable nature. Driving the intermediate level on the middle reef, between No. 1 and No. 2 levels, is being pushed on, the lode continuing to carry payable ore. Mr. Webber, one of the Adelaide directors, is visiting the mine.

The contract for sinking the main Sunlight G. M Company's shaft is nearly completed. A contract has been let to drive a further distance of 70ft. at No. 6 level east. Stoping is going on at the back of Nos. 6, 7, and 8 levels. There is nothing fresh since last report. The battery will clean up on Thursday next.

At the Garibaldi G. and A. Mining Company the miners ceased work last Thursday night till after the holidays. All the other employees are still engaged dressing ore. There is no change in the mine.

KALGOORLIE, Monday.

At the South Kalgurli the new reduction plant engaged in treating oxidised ore is working smoothly and well. The roasting furnaces are approaching completion and the treatment of sulpho-telluride ores on the mines will be begun early in May.

NORSEMAN, Monday.

The Lady Mary, Norseman, has crushed 600 tons of stone for 219oz. of gold.

WEST WYALONG, Saturday.

The True Blue Company is raising an enormous quantity of battery chlorination stone; 22 head of stamps is engaged treating it. Several hundred tons are still paddocked. A dividend of 2s per share has been declared. The Easter Gift has treated 20 tons of ore at Nicolas and Reymond's battery for a yield of 48oz.

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Members Stock Exchange of Adelaide,
Ware-chambers, Adelaide, South Australia.—Advt.

A FAIR, BEAUTIFUL SKIN.
SULPHOLINE LOTION clears off Pimples, Blemishes, Irritation, Redness, Roughness, Skin Disfigurements. Shilling Bottles of Sulpholine, the English Skin Lotion.—Advt.

THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

SCOPE OF THE INQUIRY.

THE PREMIER REPLIES TO MR. REID.

Although he spent two days in the Newcastle district, and dealt with the pressing matters of business which demanded immediate attention, the Premier found time during the holidays to read Mr. Reid's remarks on the composition of the committee appointed to investigate the public accounts, and the scope of the inquiry. "After careful consideration of the utterances of the ex-Premier," said Mr. Lyne in the course of an interview with a "Herald" reporter yesterday, "I have come to the conclusion that it is not the appointment of Mr. Yarwood, but the questions which the committee has been invited to answer, to which Mr. Reid really objects. It is with the greatest reluctance that I make any reference whatever to the committee and the work which it is called upon to carry out, now that it has been appointed; but as the investigation will not be begun in earnest until the end of this week, and as Mr. Reid has rushed into print with the very obvious intention of discounting a possibly adverse decision, I feel impelled to say a few words with the object of showing that he is not entitled to the slightest sympathy in the position in which he now finds himself placed.

"In regard to the appointment of Mr. Yarwood, I have little to add to the intimation I have already made that the Government will not interfere with the composition of the committee. Mr. Yarwood is a stranger to me; he is, I am given to understand, a freetrader in politics, and I have satisfied myself that he is a gentleman who is very well qualified to carry out the important work which has been entrusted to him. He has never fought on my side in politics. I believe him to be an able, honest, and fearless man, and that is the man I want. I am sure that his presence on the committee will in no way detract from the weight which the public will attach to its findings, whatever these may be. As a matter of fact, Mr. Reid pays but a poor compliment to Mr. Dibbs and Mr. French when he tries to make the people believe that the views of Mr. Yarwood, of which, I may say, I am totally ignorant, will necessarily represent the decision at which the committee will arrive. In any case, I think Mr. Reid might allow me to choose one of the three members, for practically Mr. Dibbs and Mr. French were selected by Mr. Reid, although the names of these gentlemen, as the representatives of the bankers of the Government, at once suggest themselves as peculiarly suitable for the purpose of conducting an investigation into the public accounts.

"But the feature of the inquiry which is certainly causing Mr. Reid manifest concern is, as I have already said, not the appointment of Mr. Yarwood, but the questions which I have put to the committee, and on this subject I may state in all moderation that his remarks during the last few days are particularly audacious. As a matter of fact I have ground for grave complaint against Mr. Reid in the wild charges which he has brought against me since I entered the Treasury. Not only did he make serious accusations against me in the financial debate at the close of last year, but he has gone out of his way on several occasions since that time to repeat those accusations, and to make it appear that I was shrinking from an investigation which actually I cheerfully courted; and I think I may claim credit for my adherence to the resolution which I had previously formed to leave my case to the judgment of an independent tribunal. In seeking to pose as an injured person, therefore, because the Government, in the words of the commission, invites the committee to make a full inquiry and investigation into the public accounts, and to exercise every latitude in the scope of that inquiry, in order that a final determination may be arrived at as to the financial position of the colony, Mr. Reid must imagine the public has a very short memory, and that his utterances of the past four months have been quite forgotten. And now that he finds himself impaled on the hook at which he has been nibbling so long, he doesn't like it; but, wriggle as he may, he can make up his mind to the fact that a full inquiry will be instituted.

"When I delivered my financial statement on the 6th December last I presented certain accounts, signed by the Auditor-General, with the object of showing Parliament and the country the actual state of the finances during the four years and a half from the 31st December, 1894, to the 30th June, 1899, divested of the glamour lent by Mr. Reid's pair of rose-coloured spectacles—the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1895, and the Audit Act Amendment Act of 1895. In making this period the subject of review I acted with scrupulous fairness, because Mr. Reid was in office for a few months before it began, and for a few months after it closed. What was the result? Mr. Reid abused me in unmeasured terms. Here are some of his charges, taken from 'Hansard':—'The hon. member has made a statement to the world, damaging to the credit of the country, which . . . is absolutely false.' It shows 'an utterly wrong position of affairs. . . . Now comes in the fraud that is worked upon the House and the country by the figures the hon. gentleman adduced to-night.' Being compelled to withdraw the word 'fraud,' this is how he did it: 'I withdraw the word "fraud," but I want to show clearly what I meant. Instead of that word I will say—what amounts to a practical deception. . . . I shall not allow these absolutely untruthful, libellous statements on the credit of this country to go abroad without taking some very effectual means of putting them right. . . . I shall bring this matter to an issue. I shall not have these absolutely incorrect and misleading statements going forth to the world without taking up my position at once and demanding a full inquiry. . . . I will not allow the matter to rest. I will hold the Government to a responsibility, which I shall demonstrate, of having deliberately, by means of the weight of official documents, put before the people of the world a representation of New South Wales which is absolutely without any foundation in fact, in every respect in which it is sought to cast a slur on the financial administration of this country.'

"Who is the aggrieved party? I, who gave an exposition of the finances from the point of view concurred in by the Auditor-General, and scrupulously refrained from making charges of any kind against Mr. Reid; or Mr. Reid, who spoke the outrageous words I have quoted? But that is not all. Since the financial debate Mr. Reid has returned again and again to the attack. So late as the 3rd of the present month, when the Executive minute appointing the committee was actually written, he published a letter in which, under the heading of 'Brave Words,' he quoted those words of mine delivered on December 11 last: 'The public itself shall be the judge between Mr. Reid and myself. It was the ex-Premier that brought this matter of appointing a commission to the front, and whether he now likes it or dislikes it I am determined to prosecute the matter down to the bedrock.' And he went on to say: 'Will it not be better for the Premier to come forward, now that he has been six months in the Treasury, and acknowledge the mistake he has made?' There is no manliness in his present attitude. If he adheres to his statements, then in the commonest fairness he should appoint the tribunal of inquiry for the sake of the public interest if not in fairness to me. . . The Prime Minister may depend upon it I will not let him escape from the ordeal, so the sooner he does the right thing the better. . . . I again demand that the long-delayed investigation shall begin.'

"Until a few days ago we find Mr. Reid seeking to create the impression in the public mind that it was I who shrank from a full inquiry into the finances. In December last, as I have shown, he demanded a 'full inquiry.' A few days ago he quoted words of mine in which I stated my intention of having the matter probed to the 'bedrock,' and he demanded the appointment of the committee. But what do we find now? He objects altogether to the wide scope of the investigation; he will have no 'full inquiry'—he will not have the matter probed to the 'bedrock.' After making the serious accusations against me which I have quoted, in regard to my presentation of the accounts for the complete financial period of 4½ years covered by his tenure of office, he has the courage to come forward and say that the inquiry should be confined to his 'account current,' and should not extend further back than July 1, 1895—nine months after he assumed office. Now, this question immediately suggests itself. On January 1, 1895, Mr. Reid opened a new financial period, and he closed it on June 30; why, then, should he desire to keep the committee from investigating that period of six months? If he had a surplus during the six months, surely it would be in his interest to have it brought out; if he even made both ends meet, there is no reason why he should fear to have such a condition of affairs established; but if, on the other hand, an investigation of the accounts for this period should disclose the fact that advantage was taken of the change in the system of keeping the accounts to secure a credit balance which would enable him to run the affairs of the country for a year or two on an insufficient revenue, then there is every reason why he should desire to close the period to investigation. But the audacity of Mr. Reid's proposal to confine the inquiry to the new account since July 1, 1895, has not been fully grasped. The proposal is not only audacious; it is ridiculous. It is audacious, because it would close to inquiry the first nine months of Mr. Reid's administration; it is ridiculous, because it would seek to confine the committee to an investigation of only a part of the consolidated revenue fund account of the colony since July 1, 1895, for although Mr. Reid's new account begins on this date, yet the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act and the Audit Act Amendment Act were passed about six months afterwards, and many of the transactions in connection with the deficiency established by Mr. Reid were carried out long after July 1, 1895. The fact is that while the new system of accounts was in progress a deficiency was being created in another direction; and Mr. Reid seriously suggests that the committee should ignore the latter, although how this could be accomplished I am at a loss to understand. I have already quoted some of the accusations brought against me after dealing with the accounts for the period of four and a half years, and shown that Mr. Reid demanded a full inquiry; yet this is what he now says: 'I have several times challenged Mr. Lyne to appoint a commission to settle this dispute between us, Mr. Lyne, as I have said, undertaking to show that under the new system of accounts the old deficiency has been increased; I undertaking to show that under the new system of accounts the old deficiency has been decreased, and no deficiency has been created. Everyone knows that is the bone of contention between us.' And again: 'I have received a letter from a leading city accountant,' continued Mr. Reid, 'which says: "I trust I do not intrude upon your more than amply occupied time, but it will do no harm to inform you that the very general opinion of business men and professional accountants approves of your action. There must be a clear meaning fixed as to the period for the commencement of inquiry, and not to go back to the time when more or less financial chaos existed. There must be some tangible starting point.'" Mr. Reid, indeed, must be in a bad way when he leans for support on this. For the 'leading city accountant,' whoever he may be, fails to see that Mr. Reid's proposal is to confine the inquiry to a part of the operations on the public accounts during a certain period.

"Mr. Reid's concern when he grasps the scope of the investigation betrays itself by the intemperate language in which he indulges. The questions are 'nothing more or less than carefully prepared traps'; they are the results of 'deliberate trickery.' 'There is not one of the questions,' he says, 'which can possibly admit of a favourable answer to me.' That is an interesting admission, coming rather late in the day certainly, yet altogether welcome. Let us see what some of these questions are. In order to see whether Mr. Reid established a deficiency between December 31, 1894, and June 30, 1899, these two questions are put:—

"'9. The amount of the total deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account (Treasury bills outstanding and cash debit balance) on December 31, 1894, inclusive and exclusive of the Special Suspense accounts.'

"'13. The actual amount of the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account existing on June 30, 1899, and inclusive and exclusive of the Special Suspense accounts.'

"These questions, Mr. Reid says, cannot be possibly answered in his favour.

"One of the immediate effects of the change in the system of keeping the public accounts was to reduce the expenditure chargeable to the revenue of the year 1895-6. This enabled Mr. Reid to secure a credit balance, on which he traded during his remaining tenure of office. Accordingly the committee in this question, are asked simply to state the causes in the reduction of the expenditure as follows:—

"'20. The amount by which the expenditure charged to the year 1895-6 was less than the average expenditure of immediately preceding years, and the causes of this reduction in the expenditure. The amounts charged to the proceeds of Treasury bills in 1895-6.'

"This is a question which Mr. Reid states cannot possibly be answered in his favour.

"In regard to the expenditure on roads, the following question is submitted:—

"'21. Whether a sum of £216,000 was not saved from the vote in 1893 on account of roads, endowment to boroughs, district councils, and shires under the proposed Local Government Bill, and this sum called back into existence and spent partly in 1894 and the first half-year of 1895, but the larger part in the year 1895-6, on the plea that the savings had been improperly made? And whether an examination of the annual expenditure on roads does not show that the action referred to enabled a large reduction to be effected in the amount charged to the year 1895-6 as compared with previous years?'

"This question, Mr. Reid says, cannot possibly be answered in his favour.

"In the course of the year 1897-8 a sum of £150,000 was taken from a sinking fund to meet what I consider a fair charge on the revenue of that year. Accordingly, this question is submitted:—

"'24. Whether the act of applying £150,000 from the sinking fund established under Act 53, Vic. No. 24, towards meeting railway debentures matured under Act 31, Vic. No. 11, will not have the effect of committing the consolidated revenue fund at a later period to provide the amount relieved in the year 1897-8?'

"This question, Mr. Reid says, cannot possibly be answered in his favour. What then becomes of his 'surplus,' assuming it ever existed, for the last two years?

"A new system was established of providing loan moneys in meeting charges formerly met from revenue. In connection with that system the following question is submitted:—

"'25. The amount by which the consolidated revenue has been relieved by charging to the proceeds of short-dated loans, and in other ways, expenditure ordinarily provided from revenue? Whether the system of repayments established in connection with these loans is not one that tends simply to relieve the first few years during which it is in operation at the expense of future years, and whether it should not be discontinued?'

"This question, Mr. Reid says, cannot possibly be answered in his favour.

"If it be agreed that a deficiency was established during Mr. Reid's administration, it is desirable to know the exact amount of that deficiency. Accordingly, this question is submitted:—

"'26. Whether a deficiency on the consolidated revenue fund account was not created during the period of four and a half years from the 1st January, 1895, to the 30th June, 1899, and if so, the amount of such deficiency:—(a) Inclusive of special suspense accounts; (b) exclusive of special suspense accounts; (c) as increased by amount taken from sinking fund to meet debentures falling upon revenue; (d) as further increased by expenditure ordinarily defrayed from consolidated revenue, and provided from short-dated loans, and in other ways.'

"This question, Mr. Reid says, cannot possibly be answered in his favour.

"Mr. Reid established a credit balance on his 'New Account' for four years in succession, and insisted that these credit balances represented cash in the bank. Therefore these questions are submitted:—

"'27. The amount of the credit balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund "Account Current" on the 30th June, 1896; 30th June, 1897; 30th June, 1898; and 30th June, 1899.'

"'28. Whether these balances represented cash in the bank, and, if so, which of them?'

"These questions, Mr. Reid says, cannot possibly be answered in his favour.

"Mr. Reid was always emphatic in his claim that he placed the accounts on a true cash basis. In order to test this claim the following question is submitted:—

"'30. In the event of a discrepancy between the ledger balances and the bank balances, to what was this due; and whether the system under which such differences are possible may be correctly described as a "cash basis" system?'

"This question, Mr. Reid says, cannot possibly be answered in his favour.

"One of the peculiar features of Mr. Reid's administration of the Treasury is disclosed in the following question:—

"'35. Whether from the 1st October, 1897, to the 23rd September, 1899, payments to the amount of £1,278,940 were made from revenue without the authority of Parliament, and without the Auditor-General's certificate? Whether, in connection with these payments, an expenditure suspense account was opened; the effect of that account?'

"This question, Mr. Reid says, cannot possibly be answered in his favour.

"In his desperate efforts to prevent a full and searching inquiry into the public accounts, Mr. Reid states that Parliament authorised him to take a certain course when the change in the system of keeping the accounts was made, and he protests vigorously against what he calls subjecting the Act of Parliament to review by the committee. In his own words: 'I know of no tribunal that can be set up to arraign the Acts of Parliament.' Now, in the first place, this attempt to stifle inquiry is not the action of a man who has nothing to fear from such inquiry. Only a week ago, in referring to the first half-year of 1895, Mr. Reid said:—'In the half-year which has been dragged in, I paid out of my revenue many hundreds of thousands of pounds on account of previous years of previous Governments, so by this method they saddle on the new system of public accounts a half-year which belongs to an old system, and in which I paid hundreds of thousands of pounds of liabilities on behalf of previous Governments.' Then why object to an investigation of this half-year? If, as Mr. Reid has frequently asserted, and still asserts, 'an old deficiency' belonging to previous Governments was 'funded' under the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1895, why object to an investigation of the circumstances under which that deficiency was 'funded?' Why take refuge in the misleading plea that the committee is set up to arraign the Acts of Parliament? Were this statement strictly accurate, I am quite sure there are very few members on either side who would object to the fullest inquiry into the account; but, as a simple matter of fact, what I have always taken exception to is not the Act of Parliament, but the statements of Mr. Reid and his representations to the House when he submitted his financial legislation. The ex-Premier not only seeks to prevent the committee from investigating the period prior to June 30, 1895, but he calls for the impossible, namely, that the committee shall confine its investigations to a part only of the operations since that date, and shall ignore all the transactions which were not made in connection with the new account. With just as good effect Mr. Reid might have raised the argument that his operations on the new account during the last four years could not be investigated by the committee, because Parliament, at my instigation, passed an Act indemnifying the Colonial Treasurer and the Treasury officials for the many unauthorised and illegal payments made by Mr. Reid during the last few years in connection with the new system of accounts."

A HELP TO DELICATE STOMACHS. WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS.

AMUSEMENTS.

LYCEUM—"THE IRISHMAN."

Although Mr. Charles Holloway was backward in opening his Easter season, the delay had no prejudicial effect upon the attendance, whilst it ensured the perfect smoothness of a production which no doubt owed much to Mr. George Rignold's experienced stage direction. The new play "The Irishman" was received with roars of laughter and enthusiasm by the densely crowded audience, and no doubt has a long run before it. Mr. J. W. Whitbread's new piece is reminiscent of a score of other Irish dramas. Amidst picturesque scenery and the wild "hooroo" of an enlightened peasantry, the young hero pursues the path of patriotism and self-sacrifice in spite of all that the two villains—high comedy and low comedy—can do. The story, which is voluminous, has to do with the gallant Owen Kavanagh, heir to the baronetcy of his uncle, the aged Sir Owen. Sir Owen, who is too easily led, quarrels with his nephew for the indiscretion of the latter in attending a seditious meeting. On the strength of this young Owen's rival, Felix Blake, secures a warrant for his arrest. Blake plays a stronger card still when he hands the old baronet a quantity of receipts for rent which he declares to be forged by Owen. This is subsequently explained by Owen himself, who had charitably paid the rent of the distressed peasantry out of his own pocket; but in doing so had entrusted Blake with the money. Although at the end of the first act this explanation is given to Sir Owen, and is most fervently corroborated by Father Keeley, the simple-minded parish priest, yet in the second act Sir Owen is found disinheriting his nephew. Young Owen escapes from gaol on purpose to beg the old man's pardon, and matters are so arranged that Blake slays the baronet and places Owen's glove where it is likely to connect him with the crime. The murder has, however, been witnessed by two persons hidden behind a screen, namely, the good-hearted Larry O'Rorke and the treacherous Mickey Wheelan. Larry, of course, should have prevented the murder, which is foully effected after a prolonged and exciting struggle. However that may be, there is a fine change of scene to a beautiful tableau (by Mr. Edward Vaughan) showing Coolmorgarton Castle on one side, and on the other the isolated tower of a ruined chapel. It is here that the good Father Keeley has consented to marry Norah Desmond to the hero, who has escaped from prison for that purpose. The plot need not be followed further than to explain that when the police arrive Owen passes high above their heads by a rope suspended between the castle and the chapel tower. Then he descends the tower stairs, changes coats with Father Keeley, and baffles the pursuers. This ingenious escape excited great enthusiasm last night, and there was uproarious laughter when two constables, in endeavouring to cross by the rope, fell with an astonishing splash into a great trough of water 20ft. below them!

Probably the most important character in the play is Larry, one of those "bhoys" in brown velveteens, red waistcoat, and knee breeches, who always appear as the faithful henchmen of the persecuted heroes in dramas of this kind. Mr. J. W. Sweeney played the part for all it was worth last night, and made the great success of the evening. His drollery in explaining how the doctor ordered him an ounce of whisky a day, how the apothecary explained that an ounce was "20 drachms," and how the village innkeeper gave him 20 drams, caused so much laughter as quite to interrupt the action of the piece. Mr. Tom Cosgrove as Mickey, the servile informer, was cleverly made up for the part, and his antics when kicked by Larry, which was "often, frequently," were highly relished by the audience. Mr. Temple Harrison spoke the most wonderful and fearful Irish as Father Kieley—such a breadth of brogue can surely only be heard in English melodrama! Mr. J. F. Cathcart represented well the weak, affectionate nature of the old baronet, Mr. John D. Saunders proved a handsome and manly hero, and Mr. Laurence Dunbar was easy and self-possessed as Felix Blake. Two light comedy characters, those of a heavy guardsman, Captain Delahunt, and his pretty sweetheart, Kate Kearney, were amusingly played by Mr. W. J. Montgomery and Miss Ida Gresham. Miss Dora De Winton made a graceful heroine, though the part was unworthy her talents. Miss Alice Deorwyn touched in archly the character of Molly, the traditional colleen in red riding hood and blue skirts; and Miss Watts Phillips gave a vivid little picture of old age as Sheelah. "The Irishman," which was hilariously received, will be played at the Lyceum Theatre until further notice.

THE CYCLORAMA.

Good attendances were the order of the day at the Cyclorama yesterday. The management has introduced a new illusion named "The Ghost." It is a realistic one, though the "ghost" is really substantial enough. The mysterious cauldron, the invisible intelligence, the mystics, and the lady blown to atoms are among the other illusions which are presented in the large hall attached to the apartment in which the large picture of Jerusalem in the time of our Saviour is exhibited.

BOER WAR BIOGRAPH.

Crowded audiences were the order of both day and night sessions of the Boer War Biograph at 478 George-street yesterday. The scenes represented included the Departure of Lord Roberts, the N.S.W. Lancers on the March, Capture of a British Cannon by Boers, the Ambulance Removing the Wounded Under Fire, the Defence of Mafeking, and the Shooting of a Boer Spy at Ladysmith. Exhibitions will be given every hour day and night, commencing at 11 a.m. and concluding at 11 p.m. until further notice.

ROBBERY AT CROYDON.

THE POST-OFFICE SAFE BROKEN OPEN.

A somewhat startling robbery occurred at the suburb of Croydon sometime between 11 p.m. on Sunday and 7 a.m. yesterday, when the Post-office, situated in Edwin-street, was burglariously entered. The Government safe was removed to the back yard, broken open, and the contents stolen. They consisted of three £1-notes, £31 18s 5d in coin, and postal stamps and other securities, amounting to £76 15s 9d, the property of the Postal Department, also three sovereigns and three £5-notes, the property of Mr. T. J. M'Grath, the acting postmaster, which had been placed there for safe keeping. The postmaster, Mr. J. Bridekirk, is at present away on leave of absence.

The premises were locked up as usual on Sunday night at 11 o'clock, the last person to leave being the letter-carrier, Frederick Ewins, who stated that he left the building secure at the hour named, after having despatched the mails. Upon the acting postmaster attending the office at 7 o'clock yesterday morning he found that the building had been entered by raising the sash of a window overlooking Paisley-road, the catch having been burst. The iron safe is about 2ft. square, and stood in the back office. It had been taken out through the back door, a distance of about 14ft., where it was placed on a cocoanut fibre doormat. Here the back of the safe had been cut off, and the inner case partly severed. Four chisels and a large hammer were found alongside. The yard is very small, bounded on one side by a high wooden fence and on the other by a wall.

Arsenic has been proven by M. Armand Gautier to be a normal constituent of the thyroid gland, and probably other organs, in the herbivora, the carnivora, and man. This seems to explain the successful use of arsenic in certain diseases, such as anaemia.

A sample of Egyptian porcelain from Memphis has been found by Le Chatelier to be quite different from Chinese porcelain, making it appear that the ancient Egyptians understood the art of making true porcelain. The Egyptian porcelain could be duplicated by a mixture of 50 parts of fine sand, 40 of blue glass, and 5 of white clay.

For Influenza and Cold in the Head Woods' Great Peppermint Cure, 1s 6d.—Advt.

SWIMMING.

WEST SYDNEY CLUB.

The West Sydney Swimming Club decided a 90-yards handicap at Farmer's Baths on Saturday evening. The heat-winners were:—

R. Pert, 1 second; P. Oliffe, 5 seconds; R. Mathewson, 6 seconds; A. Stewart, 7 seconds. Final: R. Pert, 1; R. Mathewson, 2; A. Stewart, 3.

WAUGH'S BAKING POWDER obtained the only first-class award of highest degree of merit. Waugh's Baking Powder the best.—Advt.

Woods' Great Peppermint Cure for Coughs and Colds never fails. 1s 6d.—Advt.

Government Notices.

Department of Public Works,
Brisbane, 24th February, 1900.

COMPETITIVE DESIGNS are invited from Architects for the New Post and Telegraph Office, to be erected in Brisbane, to be sent in on or before 31st July next, addressed to the Under Secretary for Public Works, Brisbane. First prize, £400; second prize, £300; third prize, £200.

Conditions, with Plan and Levels of Ground, can be obtained on application at this office, or at the Public Works Offices, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, and Perth.
R. ROBERTSON, Under Secretary.

Wanted to Purchase.

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FAT (Kitchen) Bought, Soap Exchanged, cart by appt., city, subs. J. H. Marlton, 32 Bridge-st., Erskineville.

KITCHEN FAT Bought, or Soap in Exchange. Letters addressed W. Castle, 55 Raglan-st., Darlington.

TICKETS.—W.A., Melb., N.Z., Adel., Brisb., wanted; high prices given; also, sell. Firkins, 135 King-st.

WANTED, a good second-hand Patent MANGLE, in good order. Apply school, Herald Branch.

WANTED, Building Materials for 4-roomed Cot., brick or w.b., also Fencing, cash. M. B., M'kville P.O.

WINDOW FITTINGS wanted for boot shop. Leather, Oxford-st. P.O.

TICKETS.—Passages Bought and Sold to all parts. Tutton, 108 Pitt-st., opp. G.P.O., also Melb., Brisb.

TOURIST TICKETS Bought, Sold, or Exch. highest prices given. Bohemian Gipsy, 297 Pitt-st.

BOOTS, old or any kind, Bought at the Cheap Boot Repairing Co., 205 Elizabeth-st., near Toohey's brewery.

WANTED to BUY, House of FURNITURE or part of House. S. J., Oxford-st. P.-office.

HIGHEST Prices given for Furniture, Pianos, S. Machinery, stocks &c. Elliott and Co., 630 Geo.-st.

Funerals.

RUDD.—The Friends of Mrs. SARAH RUDD are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, George Herbert; to move from 8 White Horse-street, Newtown, THIS (Tuesday) MORNING, at quarter-past 8, for Waverley Cemetery.
CHAS. KINSELA, Funeral Director, 765 George-street; and 116 Oxford-street.

RUDD.—The Friends of PERCY, GEORGE, and STANLEY RUDD are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved FATHER, George Herbert; to move from 8 White Horse-street, Newtown, THIS (Tuesday) MORNING, at quarter-past 8, for Waverley Cemetery. CHAS. KINSELA, 765 George-st.

EGMOND.—The Friends of Mr. ANDREW EGMOND are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE, Mary Louisa, on WEDNESDAY MORNING; to move from his residence, No. 91 Lower Fort-street, at 8.15 a.m., to the Necropolis.
T. DIXON, Undertaker, 23 Oxford-street.

HALL.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. HALL are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved Infant SON; to move from the P. A. Hospital 9 o'clock, THIS (Tuesday) MORNING, for the Necropolis.
JAMES WEEKS, Undertaker, Newtown.

WISE.—The Funeral of the late Miss EILEEN MARY WISE will leave her parents' residence, Melrose, Military-road, Mosman, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for Gore-hill Cemetery.
WOOD and COMPANY.
Telephone, 726, &c.

KELLY.—The Friends of the late Mr. JAMES KELLY are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, 9 Brodie-street, Camperdown, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at quarter-past 1 o'clock, for Necropolis, via Redfern Mortuary.
CHAS. KINSELA, Funeral Director, 765 George-street, city, near Railway.
Tel., 993.

SHAW.—The Friends of Mr. G. H. SHAW are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Alice, which will move from her late residence, 76 Denman-street, Globe, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for Necropolis (via Mortuary station).
WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors.

SHAW.—The Friends of ROBERT, GEORGE, SID, ELLA, and HORACE SHAW are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, which will move from her late residence, 76 Denman-street, Glebe, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for Necropolis (via Mortuary station). WOOD and CO.

SONGBERG.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN SONGBERG are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON, Albert Henry; which will move from their residence, No. 93 John-street, Pyrmont, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for the Necropolis.
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LINANE.—The Friends of deceased DENIS LINANE are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, 46 Cromwell-street, Leichhardt, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., for Necropolis, via Petersham station. No flowers.
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LINNANE.—A.H.C.G.—The Members of St. Siacre's, Leichhardt, and other Branches are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late Brother LINNANE; to leave 46 Cromwell-street, Leichhardt, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., for Necropolis.
R. ELLIS, Secretary.

THE Friends of Mr. JOHN GRANT are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly-beloved WIFE, Harriet Grant; to move from her late residence, 186 Cumberland-street, THIS DAY, Tuesday, April 17, 1900, at half-past 1, for Rookwood Cemetery.

THE Friends of Mrs. JAMES INNES are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved DAUGHTER, Mrs. Harriet Grant; to move from her late residence, 186 Cumberland-street, city, THIS DAY, Tuesday, April 17, 1900, at half-past 1, for Rookwood Cemetery.

THE Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. VAUGHAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved SISTER, Harriet Grant; to move from her late residence, 186 Cumberland-street, city, THIS DAY, Tuesday, April 17, 1900, at half-past 1, for Rookwood Cemetery.

THE Friends of Mr. EDWARD and JAMES GRANT are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly-beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Mrs. Harriet Grant; to move from her late residence, 186 Cumberland-street, city, THIS DAY, Tuesday, April 17, 1900, at half-past 1, for Rookwood Cemetery.

KERR.—The Friends of the late ROBERT JAMES KERR are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his mother's residence, 41 Wellesley-street, Summer Hill, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Necropolis, via Summer Hill station. J. CROCKETT, Sen., Undertaker, Lackey-street, Sum. Hill.

KERR.—The Friends of Mr. ROBERT KERR, Sen., are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved SON, Robert James; to move from 41 Wellesley-street, Summer Hill, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Necropolis, via Summer Hill station. J. CROCKETT, Sen., Undertaker, Lackey-street, Sum. Hill.

KERR.—The Friends of Mrs. R. KERR, HENRY C., LUCY, MARY, and PEARL are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly-beloved SON and BROTHER, the late Robert James Kerr; to move from his mother's residence, 41 Wellesley-street, Summer Hill, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, for Necropolis, via Summer Hill. J. CROCKETT, Sen., Undertaker, Lackey-street, Summer Hill.

KERR.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. HILL, 39 Vine-street, Redfern, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved NEPHEW, the late Robert James Kerr; to move from his mother's residence, 41 Wellesley-street, Summer Hill, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Necropolis, via Summer Hill Station. J. CROCKETT, Sen., Undertaker, Lackey-street, Summer Hill.

OFFICERS and Members of the Good Intent Division Sons of Temperance are respectfully requested to attend the Funeral of our late Brother, ROBERT KERR, Jun.; to move from his late residence, Wellesley-street, Summer Hill, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, to Rookwood. By order of the W.P. JOHN BYRNE, R.S.

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The Provisional Committee will meet in the Mayor's Room, Town Hall, on WEDNESDAY, at 8 p.m. Business: To complete arrangements for public meeting.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SPORTS UNION.—The Tenth Annual General MEETING of the University Sports Union will be held at the University Common-room on TUESDAY, April 24th, at 8 p.m.

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The Annual MEETING of Representatives will be held at the Oddfellows' Temple, Elizabeth-street, TO-MORROW, Wednesday, the 18th instant, at 10 a.m.
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NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty-fourth Half-yearly General MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Exchange, Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, 26th April, 1900, at Noon.
Business:
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1. To receive the Report of the Directors and the Report of the Auditors, with the Accounts and Balance-sheet for the year ending 31st day of March, 1900.
2. To elect one Director in place of Mr. B. B. Allen, who retires under clause 51, and is eligible for re-election. Candidates for election are required under clause 47 to give notice in writing at least 14 days before date of the Annual General Meeting.
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WANTED, in first-class hotel, POSITION as Barmaid or to assist by experienced young person, good refs. Address Emily, 64 Murray-street, Hobart.

YOUNG Man wants WORK, house, garden, groom, useful, good refs., wages 10s. Joe, P.O., Haymarket.

YOUNG Man wants a Situation as generally useful and handy with tools, highest reference. B. B., Herald.

YOUNG Woman req. SIT., as Cook or Cook and Laundress, good ref. 143 Dowling-st., off William-st.

YOUNG Girl, 16, desires SITUATION as Nursegirl, country. M. A., 1 Caledonia-st., Paddington.

Servants Wanted.

A COMPT. GENERAL, Protestant, 2 in family. Avondell, Marrickville-rd., near Livingstone-rd.

ADDISON-RD., 347, Petersham, respectable GIRL wanted, three in family.

A GENERAL SERVANT, good cook, references. 18 Darlinghurst-rd. Apply from 9 a.m.

A GENERAL, 14s; H. and P. Maid, 12s, Homebush; 5 Generals wanted. Davies' Home, Norton-st., Lhdt.

A GENERAL SERVANT wanted. 13 George-st. West, near Harris-st.

A GOOD GENERAL wanted, to sleep at home, no children or ironing. 56 Buckingham-st., Surry Hills.

A GOOD GENERAL wanted, also young H'maid. Apply after 9, 361 Glebe Point-rd., Glebe Point.

A MAN, must be used to brick-carting, understand horses. Ernasch House, Hampden-st., Paddington.

AN elderly WOMAN, care of children. Commercial Hotel, next Toohey's Brewery, opp. Belmore Park.

A RELIABLE WOMAN wanted, all house duties but washing, refs. N.S.W., P.O., Redfern.

A RESP. Girl wanted as General, no washing, no shirts, refs. 667 Dowling-st., Moore Park, Sydney.

A YOUNG WOMAN, assist children, housework, needlework. 21 Onslow-avenue, Elizabeth Bay.

A YOUNG General, small fam., no shirts or collars. Mrs. Fairfax, Wynn-tay, 86 Crystal-st., Petersham.

A YOUNG Girl as GENERAL, no washing, references. 4 St. Mary's-terrace, Lower Domain.

A.—ALL classes SITUATIONS WAITING for TOWN and COUNTRY AT THE EXPERT AGENCY ASSOCIATION, Victoria Markets, second floor, Town Hall end.

AT Mrs. PETERS'S, top Hunter-street.—F.-c. Laundress; C. L., 16s, 18s; H. P. M., 12s, 10s; G. S., country, 12s, 14s; sup. N., N.W., 1 child, country, 14s; H. M., 12s; Gen. Servant, city, 14s, h.m. kept; G. S., 12s, 14s, 15s.

AT Strathfield Reg.—All classes Servs. for Strathfield, 12s, 10s; Cook and L. and Nurse Hmd., same house (mother and daug.), Meadowbank; L. Helps, 10s, 8s, Ryde and Beecroft; compt. Gen., 12s, Rich. Mrs. Barnetson.

BARMAIDS (4), 6d bars (2 musical); young Gen., cook well. Grant, 69 Riley-st., off Wm.-st.

BOY wanted, to make himself useful. Terrill, piano dealer, 39 Broadway.

BARMAID, for leading hotel, city, 30s, must be exp. and ladylike, good address; Barmaid, country hotel, Goulburn, 20s, meet employers, 12.
HITTMANN'S L. A., 87 Castlereagh-street.

BOYS wanted, those living at Strathfield and North Shore preferred. Apply, with references, 10 a.m.,
HORDERN BROTHERS, 203 Pitt-street.

BARMAID, 20s; Cook, 25s, k. maid kept, 16s, Trangie; 4 H. M. and L., 12s, 15s, Nevertire; 2 C. and L., 14s, 18s; 23 G. S., 12s to 17s; 4 G. S., 14s, Nevertire; 4 H. and P. M., 10s, 12s, 14s; 5 H. M. and W., 10s, 12s; 3 Friends, 16s, 12s, 10s, hotel, Temora; 22s, Albury; 20s sub.; C. and L., 16s; H. M., 12s, S. Ime; L. Maid, 14s. 110 Bathurst-st.

CLEAN General or Housekeeper, cook, wash, iron well, at once, 12s. Mrs. Gittoes, 1 Henderson-rd., Ax'dra.

COMPETENT GENERAL, small family, shirts out, references. After 9, Roseneath, Allen-st., Glebe Pt.

COOK, hotel, k'maid kept, 25s; Cook, little wash, 16s; Laundress, 15s; General, c'try, 15s. 76 Hunter-st.

COMPT. HOUSEMAID wanted, parlourmaid kept, wages 12s, refs. Glentworth, Victoria-st., Ashfield.

COMPETENT WASHER wanted. Oxford Laundry, 30 Glenmore-rd., Paddington.

CHINESE Cooks (3), 30s, country hotels; Europ. Cooks (5), 25s, 35s; K. Man, 20s; V. Cook, 25s; station Cook, 20s; Jap. Cook, 35s, hotel; assist Pantryman, 20s. F. C., city hotel. Hittmann's, 87 C'reagh-st.

COOKS, Bowral, 16s; Eliz. Bay, 15s, 17s; C.'s and L.'s 12s to 17s; H. and P. Maids, 12s; Nurse and N. Woman, 12s; Nurse, assist plain sewing; Gens., all subs., c'try, 8s to 15s. Mrs. Edwards, 76 Pitt-st., 2nd floor.

COOKS, hotel, 25s, k'md kept; mstn., near Sydney, 20s, after 6 months 25s; Double Bay, 18s; Bowral, 16s; Cooks and Ls., 3 fam., Mosman, 15s; N. Shore, 4 fam., 16s; W'ahra, 2 fam., 16s; Cook, assist P'dry, also H'md, L'dress, 14s, 12s; Cooks and L's., B'wood, 15s; others; H. P. Mds., R'wick, B'wood, 12s; H'keeper, 2 backs., no objection to child, 12s, young Ladies' Maid, French, Ger., or Swiss; Lady Helps, country and subs., 8s to 12s; Generals, t. and c., 10s to 16s. Mrs. Woodin, 52 Post Office-chambers, 114a Pitt-street, opp. G.P.O. Take lift.

COMPT. fem. Cook, £1; 2 pl. Cooks, 15s; Cook, assist L., 14s; several C. and Ls., 3 Laundress, H. M'ds., 16s; useful Help, 1 lady, 7s; Housemaid, station, nr. Hay, 15s; Housemaid, 10s; House and P. M'ds., 12s and 13s, meet ldr., 11; Lady, for cooking and iron, 10s. Ch. of Eng. Dea. Inst., 70 Hunter-street.

EXPERIENCED Nursery Housemaid, Tues. and Wed. morn. After 11, Toxteth, L. Ocean-st., Double Bay.

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EULO House, Blue-street, Lavender Bay.—For stations—Cook, female, 15s; C. and L., 16s; Laundress, £30 annum; Gardener, 15s; Mother and Daughter, £75; C. and L., £45; H. P. M., £30, same station.

FARMING Men (2), harrow, drive, &c., meet squatter 10 sharp. 87 Castlereagh-st.

GENERAL Hand, cattle station, Queensland, 20s. Eulo House, Blue-st., Lavender Bay.

GENERAL for 2 ladies, cottage, 11s; Lady Help, 8s; House P. Maids, 12s; H'maid, coll., 11s. 76 Hunter-st.

GENERAL, able to cook, good wages; also Nursegirl, sleep home. 124 William-st.

GOOD GENERAL, for Mosman, fond of children, personal refs., good wages. Makower, 60 King-st.

GOOD GENERAL, small family. Apply Mrs. W. M. Wright, Lal Lal, Prince Albert-st., Mosman's.

GROOM and Gardener, mow, generally useful. Send copy references to Mr. J. W. James, Blakehurst.

GARDENER, able to milk, kill, groom, £1, meet squatter 12; station Hand, 15s; Groom and Gardener, 17s; Pantryman, 20s; B. Driver, 20s.
HITTMANN'S, 87 Castlereagh-street.

GROCER'S CARTER.—First-class MAN wanted, from May 1, single man preferred, state age, salary expected, and give copies references.
F. O. R., Herald Office.

HOUSEKEEPER, working, wanted, for two people, 8s to 10s. 72 Castlereagh-st., near King-st.

HOUSEMAID wanted. Apply Bristol Arms Hotel, Sussex-st.

HOUSE and P. Maid, f.c. station, 14s, meet squatter 12, fare paid, leave Friday; H. Maid, N. Woman, 14s, f.c. gents. house, suburbs (3).
87 Castlereagh-street.

HOUSEMAIDS and Waitresses (3), f. c. country hotel, 15s, fare paid both ways, easy distance from Sydney, meet gentleman 11 sharp.
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MAN, used to wood, coal yard, and horses, none other make himself usef., 2s, found. 67 Pitt-st., Waterloo.

MAN, caretaker and gardener, for mountain cottage. Mrs. Garran, Roanoke, Roslyn-avenue, Darlinghurst.

MARRIED COUPLES (4), £70 to £80, all duties; Groom, useful, Nowra. Mrs. Edwards, 76 Pitt-st.

MEN (2), smart, respectable, FRUIT SELLERS. Tivoli, 18 Imperial Arcade, upstairs, 9 o'clock.

MOTHER and D. or 2 Friends for one lady, 20s. Mrs. Woodin, 52 P.O.-cham., 114a Pitt-st., opp. G.P.O.

MARRIED Couples (15), stations, suburbs, all capacities, 5 for bachelor's quarters, £70 to £90; 2 for Q., £90; 5 mothers and Daughters, £70 to £80; meet squatters in town. 87 Castlereagh-street.

M. COUPLE, station hand, wife h keeper, £75, Cobar; two M. C., cook, baker, wife h'k-eeper, £70 Jerilderie, £75 Moree; M.C., orchardist, £65 cottage; M.C., station hand, wife g. s., £60, Moree; £65, Trangie; 4 elderly Men, 7s 6d, 10s; Gard ner, 15s, Yass; 2 Farm Hands, 15s, Jerilderie; Boots, 10s, city. 110 Bathurst-st.

RESP. y. General, no washing, gas, s. wages, 10s, refs. 20 Scouller-st., off Juliett-st., Enmore.

RES. Man as Caretaker, cottage, Mts., £50 per ann.; handy Man, milk, gard., town, 12s. 70 Hunter-st.

RESPECTABLE young GIRL, make herself generally useful, sleep home. 127 Victoria-st. N., after 9.

SMART GENERAL, for office-cleaning, live with caretaker, 10s, must be smart. Caretaker, Herald.

SINGLE Man as GROOM, used to cabs and horses. Apply 84 Fitzroy-st., Moore Park.

STRONG Girl, 17, as GENERAL, must plain cook, 7s. 58 Charlotte-st., Ashfield.

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TO Tip-Carters.—Wanted, 100 loads filling-in STUFF. National-chambers, Pitt-st., near Park-st.

TEN Cks. and Lds., stations; Nursery H. Maid, 17-18 yrs., stn.; H. and P. Md., sub., meet lady 11; Laundress, c'try; Laund., H. Md., c'try; 6 Cs and Lds., subs; Lady Help, c'try. Miss LOVETT, 60 Eliz.-st.

TO MOTHERS.—Wanted, a well-mannered respectable GIRL, with some knowledge of cooking, willing and energetic, 2 in family, no washing or heavy work, must be well recommended. Domestic, Herald Office.

USEFUL GIRL wanted, refs. Apply first instance, Chapman and Co., stationers, Walker-st., North Syd.

WANTED, GENERAL, useful and assist in bar, Centennial Hotel, King-st.

WANTED, Shirt Ironer, constant work. Aberdeen Laundry, 177 Darling-st., Balmain East.

WANTED, a respectable Girl as GENERAL, no cooking. A.U.S.N. Hotel, Kent-st., city.

WANTED, young Woman, about 25, as Working H. Keeper. Apply Oyster Saloon, 213 George-st. N.

WANTED, smart, resp. Lad for greengrocer's cart. Apply early at 100 Albion-st., Surry Hills.

WAITRESSES (2) and Housemaids, wanted, for first-class hotel, country. 72 Castlereagh-st., nr. King-st.

WANTED, BOY, 16, as Porter, personal references required. Mrs. Walker, 355 George-st., opp. G.P.O.

WANTED, sev. good Gens., 10s, 14s; Helps, Nursery H. Maids, Cook-L. Mrs. Tollfree, Burw'd-rd., Brwd.

WANTED, a smart MAN for dairy, 15s a week. J. Murphy, Marrickville.

WANTED, thor. General Servant for country, private boarding-house. After 1, 38 Craigend-st., D'ghurst.

WANTED, GIRL, 17, to train House and Parl. Maid, gent.'s family, refs. J. J. S., Edgecliff Post-office.

WANTED, BOY, generally useful. Apply Brooklyn Hotel, 234 George-st., city.

WANTED, light GENERAL, small family. Mrs. Nyman, Idina, High-st., Neutral Bay.

WANTED, a smart PANTRYMAID, one used to work. Apply early, 7 Imperial Arcade.

WANTED, useful GIRL, assist waiting; also young Girl, kitchen, used restaurant. 117 George-st. North.

WANTED, thorough Housemaid, about 30 years, good wages, not afraid to work. Apply 2 Castlereagh-st.

WANTED, a WAITRESS. Apply 3 o'clock, Cafe Anglais, 11 Macquarie-place.

WANTED, respectable Girl (16), generally useful, gd home, 5s. Mrs. Hancock, 130 Bettie-st., Balmain.

WANTED, a General SERVANT, 8s per week, no children, references. 120 Pyrmont-st., Pyrmont.

WANTED, young MAN, milk and general dairy work. J. Pitt, off King-st., North Botany. Apply 11 a.m.

WANTED, for Katoomba, COOK and Laundress, good ref. Apply Albatross, Edwin-st., Croydon, to-day.

WANTED, young GENERAL for small family. Apply Mrs. Harris, 53 Denison-st., Woollahra.

WANTED, a good 4-horse DRIVER. A. B. Z., Herald Office.

WANTED, two smart LADS, used to handling bottles. T. Lee and Co., Poplar-st.

WANTED, respectable General SERVANT, no washing. No. 7 Marion-st., Enmore.

WANTED, young GENERAL, no shirts, gas stove, small family. 18 Edgeware-rd., Enmore.

WANTED, respectable tidy Girl as GENERAL, small family, sleep at home. 25 Charles-st., Enmore.

WANTED, a useful GIRL for light housework. Mrs J. M'Kinley, Cliff Villa, Dock-rd., Snails Bay.

WANTED, 2 DRIVERS, single men preferred, for tip-carts. 86 Mullens-st., Balmain.

WANTED, respectable BOY to look after horses, sleep out. 350 Oxford-st., Paddington.

WANTED, useful GIRL, about 15, to assist housework. Apply 40 Ormond-st., Paddington.

WANTED, respectable young Girl as Housemaid, refs. Mrs. B. Corbett, 81 Cowper-st., Waverley.

WANTED, HOUSEMAID and assist waiting table. Barley Mow Hotel, Park-st.

WANTED, a smart BOY to assist cook and generally useful. Barley Mow Hotel, Park-st.

WANTED, Shirt and Collar Ironer, constant. Bay View Laundry, Young-st., Paddington, opp. Bar.

WANTED, a first-class Bread Carter. Apply between 9 and 10 o'clock, J. D. Melvin, 164 Devonshire-st.

WANTED, respectable GIRL, to assist all duties, Prots., clean worker, 6s. 30 King-st., city.

WANTED, resp. young MAN, early riser, used to horses. Newtown Bottle Exch., 16 Missenden-rd.

WANTED, a GIRL as useful. Apply Glencoe, 82 Oxford-st., city.

WANTED, MAN, to drive horse and cart for store. Apply early, 328 Riley-st., Surry Hills.

WANTED, active middle-aged General SERVANT, good laundress. Cadaxton, William-st., Double Bay.

WANTED, smart respectable Girl, 16, to assist housework, wages 6s. Royal Hotel, William-st., city.

WANTED, FOLDERS, M'Vicar's St. am Laundry, Oswald-lane, off Bayswater-rd., Darlinghurst.

WANTED respectable person as GENERAL. Apply 67 Oxford-st., city.

WANTED, MAN to drive timber dray, must understand loading timber. J. Cook, Murray-st., P'mont.

WANTED, PANTRYMAID, and assist at waiting. Occidental Hotel, Wynyard-square, after 9 a.m.

WANTED, TIMBER LOADERS. Apply Langdon, Hopkins, and Langdon, Rozelle Bay.

WANTED, a MAN, general useful. Apply after 9, Royal Town Hall Hotel, Kent and Druitt sts.

WANTED, thorough General Servant, 3 in family, no shirts. Ap. Leswel, Edgecliff-rd., take cable tram.

WANTED, a steady, sober MAN, to drive tip cart, at once. 423 Harris-st., Ultimo.

WANTED, a little GIRL, mind baby. Apply 84 Crown-rd., Pyrmont.

WANTED, Plain Cook, also Kitchenman, Waiter, and Waitress. Quinn's Palace Hotel, Lower Domain.

WANTED, a smart YOUTH, one accustomed to hotel and groom a horse, 10s. Boylan's Hotel, Pyrmont.

WANTED, BOY, light work, 5s week. C. Page, 88 Oxford-st., city.

WANTED, GIRL, for plain sewing on machine, at 186 George-st. North.

WANTED, good Shirt Ironer, constant work. Surrey Laundry, South-st., Double Bay.

WANTED, KITCHENMAN. Crystal Palace Hotel, 789 George-st.

WANTED, smart GIRL for bar. Apply Ashton's Centennial Hotel, King-st.

WANTED, MAN, useful for hotel work. Apply early, Royal Albert Hotel, 218 George-st., city.

WANTED, good General HANDS, Plumbers, Improvers, also Lads. Chant, 55 Forbes-st., W'mooloo.

WANTED, WAITRESS. Sydney Luncheon Rooms, 70 Hunter-st.

WANTED, Licensed CABDRIVER, wages, constant to good man. At once, W. M'Donald, Homebush.

WANTED, young GENERAL, housemaid kept, 7 Waratah-st., Rushcutter Bay.

WANTED, strong, respectable GIRL for housework, Mrs. M'Grath, Aust. Youth Hotel, Bay-st., Glebe.

WANTED, good Gen. SERVANT. 46 Great Barcom-st., Darlinghurst.

WANTED, smart KITCHENMAN. 71 King-st., city.

WANTED, Housemaid, for the country, one hour from Sydney, com. home, 10 o'c., Palace Hotel, H'market.

WANTED, smart, active LAD. Apply before 10, 662 Harris-st., Ultimo.

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WANTED, a WAITRESS. Apply 8 a.m., Victoria Coffee Palace, 20s Pitt-st.

WANTED, smart General SERVANT, able to wash. Redfern Coffee Palace, 40 Elizabeth-st., Sydney.

WANTED, a good General Servant, and assist in laundry. Peerless Laundry, 37 Pitt-st., Redfern.

WANTED, honest BOY. Apply Bellmore Markets, entrance Castlereagh-st., middle building.

WANTED, Working Housekeeper for working man. After 6 p.m., 1 Vale-st., nr. Redfern Pk., Redfern.

WANTED, elderly WOMAN, to look after child, good home and wages. 5 Darlington-rd., Darlington.

WANTED, General SERVANT. Mrs. Alpen, Arundle-terrace, Forest Lodge, opp. University gates.

WANTED, respectable LAD, comforts of home, must be used to stables. 44 Newtown-rd., opp. University.

WANTED, a useful GIRL, 13 or 14. 137 Simmons-st., Enmore.

WANTED, TIPCARTS, also Pick and Shovel Men. Collins, produce merch., Newtown-rd., Darlington.

WANTED, experienced WASHER, at once, coast. The Orient Laundry, 70 Bourke-st., Redfern.

WANTED, GIRL, 16, housework, plain cooking. 43 Lansdowne-st., Surry Hills.

WANTED, GIRL, 14 to 16, assist in light duties, no washing nor cook, 4s, refs. 23 Young-st., Redfern.

WANTED, comp. House-maid-Laundress, in small family, refs. Wyoming, Shaw-st., P'sham. Fare pd.

WANTED, a strong, useful GIRL. 75 Albany-rd., Petersham.

WANTED, a good General SERVANT. Green Park Hotel, Victoria-st., Darlinghurst.

WANTED, a Girl, for all duties, 3 in fam., good home, small wages. 61 Cleveland-st., Redfern.

WANTED, (2) good HOUSEMAIDS for Hotel Arcadia. Apply between 3 and 12.

WANTED, respectable GIRL, with ref. Kalgoorlie Hotel, Levey-st., Chippendale.

WANTED, smart, intelligent LAD, used to horse and handy. Apply early, 50 Catherine-st., Leichhardt.

WANTED, BOY, used horses, steady premises. Early, F. H. Averingham, 18 Westmoreland-st., F. Lodge.

WANTED, MAN, sober, generally useful, used to kitchen. 84 Woolloomooloo-st.

WANTED, a respectable GIRL, for housework, references. 116 William-st., Woolloomooloo.

WANTED, Working HOUSEKEEPER, also General, no washing. 97 Bathurst-st.

WANTED, a clean day GIRL, sleep at home preferred, 109 William-st.

WANTED, resp. country GIRL, about 17, for general housework. 20 Gurner-st., Paddington.

WANTED, respectable small BOY for buggy, hold horse. Apply early, 76 Windsor-st., Paddington.

WANTED, light GENERAL, also Girl to mind Baby. Apply after 9, 75 Gordon-st., Paddington.

WANTED, smart, light GENERAL, used plain cooking, sleep home. 5-4 King-st., Newtown.

WANTED, smart YOUTH, for dairy. 6 Albion-st., off Nesson-st., Annandale. Apply after 9 a.m.

WANTED, smart BOY, used hotel; also good GIRL, refs. City View Hotel, Elizabeth-st., near railway.

WANTED, young GIRL, assist housework and chee. App. Rosa's Great Western Bakery, Camperdown.

WANTED, a MAN, to Drive two horses; open till Thursday. W. Jackson, quarryman, Marrickville.

WANTED, smart young GENERAL, sleep at home, Mascotte House, 244 Elizabeth-st., Belmore Park.

WANTED, an experienced CHEF. Apply Roberts's Hotel, George and Market sts.

WANTED, MAN, for garden, and look after stable. Jas. Ward, 301 George-st.

WANTED, General SERVANT. Apply Frankfort Hotel, Marrickville.

WANTED, a resp. trustworthy Woman, for housework. Apply after 9 p.m., 32 Addison-rd., Marrickville.

WANTED, smart YOUTH, milk and deliver. Apply 25 Albermarle-st., Kingston, Newtown.

WANTED, young Girl as COOK and Laundress or General, references required. Sterling, 37 Dowling-st.

WANTED, smart LAD. J. Grieve, news agent, 389 Crown-st., Surry Hills.

WANTED, a competent young HOUSE and PARLOUR MAID, personal references required. Apply before 12,
Bramfield, Roslyn-avenue, Darlinghurst.

WANTED for small family, thorough GENERAL, must be good plain cook and laundress, references. Apply
Mayfield, Rowley-street, Strathfield.

WANTED, competent Laundry HOUSEMAID, must have personal references. Apply this morning to Mrs. G. E. FAIRFAX, Elaine, New South Head-road, Double Bay.

WANTED, a smart, intelligent BOY for parcels and generally useful, just from school preferred.
CLACK,
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WANTED, Mother and D'ter, nd. stn., Hay, £65, 2 bach., no baking, d'ter not more than 15 yrs.; Cook (female), hotel, subs., 20s; Cs. and Ls., c'try., 16s to 17s 6d, all subs. 14s, 16s; Gens., 9s to 15s; H. and P. Mds., 10s, 12s; H'maid, Laundress, 16s; others.
Mrs. M'MANUS, 126 Strand.

WANTED, HOUSEMAID, Laundress, Protestant preferred. Apply before 1 to-day or Wednesday, Mrs. FRANK MITCHELL, Prudhoe, Darling Point.

WANTED, a competent House and Parlour MAID. Apply with personal references after 10 this morning, Mrs. SALUSBURY, Richmond, Edgecliff-road, near cable tram.

YOUTH, drive, 12s, found; Lads, milk, 12s, 10s, found; Youth, van, 10s. 72 Castlereagh-st.

YOUNG GIRL, mind baby and generally useful. Call early. Miss Nisbet, Phillip and Hunter sts.

Y. MAN, garden, milk, useful, 15s. Mrs. Woodin, 52 Post Office-chambers, 114a Pitt-st., opp. G.P.O.

YOUNG MAN, for van, used city work, few wee s and keep. Before 8, Fiorri Ville, Cook's River-rd., May-st.

Y. H. and P. Maid, s.a., nr. Syd., 15s; H. M., hotel, 10s; C. and L., also H. and P. M., s. stn., 1.s, 16s; 10 Gens., 10s, 14s; H. P. M., 12s; P. Maid, 14s, city; C. and L.'s, 14s, 15s; Waitress, 10s. LAYARD, 25 Elizabeth-st.

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